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JULY 1681 TO JANUARY 1682.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PODULA LINGAPAH FROM CONJEVARAM TO Y^E: RIGHT WORSP^{LL}: WILLIAM GIFFORD, ESQ^R: GOVERN^R:

DATED JULY Y^E: 10TH: } 1681.
RECEIVED DITTO Y^E: 14TH: }

I enjoy good health wishing to hear y^e: Like from y^r: Worsp^{ll}: the kind Letter your were pleas^d: to write to me I have rec^d: y^e: same in a good houre the Contents whereof I have perused and Joyfully Observed. I have had Notice of y^r: Arrivall at Chinapt^a y^e: 3^d: Currant, and you have writt me Accordingly, whereof I heartily rejoiced I was Informed y^t: you have been Sometime before at y^t: place, & have been very kind, & have done a great deale of good to many People, & now it hath been a matter of a year, that the People hearing of your Comeing out all have waited for y^r: arrivall as y^e: Pearle Oyesters for y^e: Raines in October, and as y^t: Sort of Fowle call'd Ehuccuroculoõ waites for the Raines from y^e: Cloudes, and as y^e: Dry Feilds waites for the rains, and were continually looking towards the Sea, Wishing for your Safe arrivall as an Afflicted people, & by the great fortune of the people, you have arrived there Safely, as well for their happyness as your owne Buisyness.

The Receipt of a Letter acknowledged.

A Complement to the new Governour.

The action of the late Govern^r: are as Viz. I unto whom the Diwan have been pleased to deliver me their Chop, & have ordered me to remain in these Parts on their behalf: but the Late Govern^r: never took any notice of w^t: I used to write to him, And there Comeing the Kings Phyrmaund & Braminy Maddana & Achanas Roccas, and y^e: Divans, to your Town, he would take no notice thereof, but turned y^m: away. The town of S^t. Triplicane doth belong to Polemelee Countrey, for Verona being a Persõ y^t: used to doe a great deale of Charity, & haveing desired to Let him have y^e: Place at [ffarm ?] we lett him have it Since w^{ch}: I haveing sent our People to take possession off itt, they were trusted away & besides w^n: Braminy, Achana came to these Parts he did not send to Visi^t him nor Vouchsafe to write him an humble Letter. And besides he hath proclaimed, that none belonging to your towne shall lend any Money; nor offer to buy any Paddy, of any Person belonging to y^e: Countrey und^r: our Government. And if they did they Should be Seveerly punished, and many the like things. Notwithstanding all this, Consedering y^t: Strangers of great Quality tradeing into this Countrey, and many People being Maintained by y^m: and those y^t: live under y^o: did doe great deeds of Charity; for these Reasons I have wincked at it as much as I could He hath Laid a Tax upon all y^e: Inhabitants of your Town, and hath taken from Severall of y^m: Money by force, & fined Severall others & done many other things w^{ch}: they being not able to endure any Longer, Left y^e: town & Came away expecting to have a Cowle granted y^m: And y^e: Comp^a: Merchants should Leave y^e: Place, & Come to Live w^{th}: y^m: it being a Custõe Amongst y^e: Casts of this People, that if some Should refuse to doe as y^e: Rest to make a kind of a Mutiny,

A Complaint against the ill Proceedings of the late Govern^r:

& thereupon y^{e}: People of y^{t}: Cast have hindered y^{e}: Carrying of any Merchandize to your Town; but y^{e}: Late Govern^{t}: Seeing this Sent about one hundred Shouldiers, and two Hundred Peons towards S^{t}: Thoma, & Pelomole And fallen upon y^{e}: Town, Robbed y^{m}: & Carryed away y^{e}: goods.

One Son of a Whore a Traytor & a Murderer Called Serapa, the Late Governours Crediting that Pittifull fellowes Words that made him beleive Saying, that the Golcandah People, had no horse, nor Men and that they Should not doe y^{e}: Countrey any greater Harme ffor Gods Sake, and y^{t}: if y^{e}: Inglish, did Intend to take all y^{e}: whole Countrey, who could hinder y^{m}: & w^{n}: y^{e}: late Govern^{r}: did write to me he did used to write as a Master to his Servant wth: many Threatnings and many the Like things; my Master had Notice of all These Words he was Pleased to write me Saying that it was true that y^{e}: Inglish had ffarmed that towne for 1200 Pag^{s}: ꝑ Annum, that it was likewise true, that we have only given the Cowle for their Europe Ships, and the Comp^{as}: goods And not for the goods that are brought, & Carryed from this Countrey upon Such Shipps as Come from Acheen, Pegu, Bamtam, Manilla, Arracan Mallacca, Ormus, Tanasery, Orixa, Bengall, &c^{a}: Places, and that we did not give them y^{e}: Juncan thereof freely to y^{m}: it is not onely this but S^{t}: Thoma, did use to produce us 10,000 Pag^{s}: ꝑ Annum, but by the great disaffection we took against y^{e}: French we rased that Citty to the ground But all y^{e}: People belonging to that Place came to your towne; & therefore we Looze that 10,000 Pag^{s}: ꝑ Annum, and besides this they have kept and protected in your towne, Such Merchants as Came from great Places, as Pollamalee, Changallapett, Conjevaram, Cooerepacca who did use to pay the Divan, Certain Taxes, and therby the Inglish gett a great deale, & that whether or noe the Inglish had a Phyrmaund ffor all these things, and why the Divan should loose all these beneffitts, for ffarming the towne to the Inglish, for 12,000 Pag^{s}: ꝑ Annum & therefore Ordered me to endeavour to make the Inglish to give Satisffactions for all these Losses, And y^{e}: Money those People owe the Divan, the Inglish must either pay it, or if not willing to doe it they must be gone to their owne Countrey, & that such Insolent People should not remaine in this Kings Countrey, and this he writtes me but I Considering it would be a great Affliction to y^{e}: People, I have onely prohibited Merchandize & Permitted Provisions to be Carryed to y^{r}: towne, but the late Governour being a Very Understanding Person, & Serapah being his ffavorite, & Councellour took it Very ill I should do soe, & Sent & Robbed Candore and Intended to Cutt off the cheif Talliars head of that Place but he being there wth: a few People [he made his Escape].

Candor Robbed & his intentions to Cutt off the Cheif Talliars Head.

About y^{e}: late Governours Seizing M^{r}: Jearsey's good at S^{t}: Thoma. And of his sending off Vessells into S^{t}: Thoma Road, to Surprize w^{t} boates should Come in thither, & of y^{e}: evill Consequence thereoff.

M^{r}: Jearsey haveing desired my Leave to gett goods brought from S^{t}: Thoma, w^{ch}: he intended to have Ship^{t} for Manilla, but the late Governour haveing Sent some people there [*lacuna in the original*] fetched the goods to Chinapatam by force and besides that there being a Jaffanapt^{m}: vessell comeing to S^{t}: Thoma, the late Governour prepared a Vessell and haveing shott Severall gunns; the men y^{t}: were upon this Vessell being much Surprised and affraid, endeavouring to gett away, Some of y^{m}: fell into the Sea, & were drowned & w^{t}: became of some of y^{m}: it is not yet knowne; but y^{t}: boate was Carryed to Chinap^{a}: Road, riding in S^{t}: Thoma road w^{ch}: had brought Palmeiros from Jaffanap^{t}: they cut her cable & carryed her likewise to Chinap^{t}: haveing also kept a couple of Sloopes in S^{t}: Thoma road, & fireing off Gunns wth: a designe to lay hold of all the boates that were bound thither & therefore all the Merch^{t}: that were there, left the place for fear & went away.

Mr. Masters endeavoures to hinder the increase of y^{e}: trade of S^{t}: Thoma in w^{ch}: the King is affronted

His Highness ye Allumpanah hath Sent me a Phyrmaund Saying S^{t}: Thoma was a great road & therefore I should name y^{e}: Place Hassennabaud, and Should endeavour to Increas the Place, as much as I could a Person as my King haveing graciously lookt upon it the late Governour did endeavour [to Ruin it as much as] he could. But how long should I suffer it.

The Divan did grant their Cowle for Chinap[t] & [not] for such Persons as the late Governour to Come further into the Countrey And therefore to Prohibit our Countrey people from goeing to that Place, I have only kept a few People about 3 or 4000 round about your towne w[th]: a designe that the Inglish imagining y[t]: Golcandahs people had but these Shouldiers, the Inglish would Sally out upon our People. Lingapah's Design in beseiging Chinapt:

And whereas you are now Come w[th]: a designe to do good, to all people I do not doubt but you will Act so that there will be nothing done to y[e]: Comp[a]: any Prejudice, but all people to Live contendedly [*sic*] and your Trade & Merchandize to goe on well, and I hope all things will proceed prosperously w[n] the Divan layes hold on any thing, they will not easily part wth it, & how do you designe to please y[m]: Lingapah's Complements to ye: new Governour.

My Master writes me would that the late Agent, hath sent by Dubash Grua 2000 Pag[s]: for a Present and 1200 Pag[s]: that remained due and by the meanes of Hocnasser the Said money was delivered already into my Masters treasury & he writes he hath rec[d] the Said Money and that he only rec[d] the money but was not fully Satisfyed therew[th] & whether or no you or they must not Pay [the] Money for Chinapat: as much as Pollicatt produces and if the Inglish Should Say they have their Cowle I should give for Answer, that they should only remaine there themselves & the Comp[a] Merchants in the towne & Should Deliver us as Pollicatt people did, all the S[t] Thoma Merch[t] & of other places of our Countrey, w[ch] are there, & all other casts w[ch] are in your towne, & that excepting Europe Ships, all other Ships, & Vessells that comes from all other Places, should come from the Divans Port, & not Yours. Notwithstanding ye: Sending 3200 Pag: the Inglish must expect to pay Rent as Pollicatt does. Lingapah's Arguments.

Moreover, he writ me that by the unjust proceedings, of the late Agent; I should fine him, in great Summes of money, & hereafter to keep a good Correspondence between him & me. An order to fine Mr: Master.

You writt me Word to permitt Merchandiz & Provision to be brought to you towne I shall not fail to do it; I shall not do contrary to y[r]: desire therein it is very good for me to have ffreindship w[th]: so noble & descreet a Person as you are desireing not to esteem as a small freind, for in time you will come be satisfyed in my freindship, I doe serve one for a Little Victualls & I must obey w[t] I am Commanded by my Master & therefor if y[o]: would Send one of your Persons & to empower him, to doe so as shall please my Master all things will go on very well, & thereby you will obtaine great Honour w[t]: need have I to enlarge any farther to soe discreet & understanding a Person as you are. Provisions permitted to Come to Chinapt: Lingapahs desires ffreindship w : ye: new Governour.

You may lay y[or]: Commands upon me desireing the Continuance off y[r]: Love.

Translate of a Letter from Gupal Dargee Pundit Sobidar of Porto Novo to Y[e]: Right Worsp[ll] Streynsham Masters Esq[r]: Gover[r]: No. 3.

Dated July Y[e]: [ ]
Rec[d]: ditto Y[e] 14th:
Answerd ditto Y[e] 20th:

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like frõ your Wosp[ll]: y[e]: Letter y[r]: Worship[ll]: hath been pleased to Send me by my Tannapilla & w[t]: he told me by word of mouth. I understand all your worsp[ll] Letter you Sent me a Coppy of the Agreement concerning the Share in the Shanck wherew[th]: I have been Very glad, and that there being so much freindship between you & us, that it was no Reason for you to expect a share in the Shanck, & that I being Very understanding Person, and you being very desirous of my freindship that you would do the buisiness w[th]out any Share therein, & that you would give your Pass to the Vessell, And that you have prepared an English Man agreeing w[th]: him at 18 pag[s]: ℔ Mensen, haveing also made ready an English ffiag, And that if I did like the Agreement, I should Send you 2 or 3 Mon[th]: Wages of that Inglish Man for his expences & a Pallanqueen to Come hither & that he Should waite here upon me Your Worship being an hono[ble]: Person, and Ambitious of Sembogee Maha Radjus [*sic*] ffreindship you would not except any Share in the Shanck I have Sent 30 Pallicatt pag[o]: for the Inglish man for 2 months wages & by reason I cannot well A coppy of a lettr Sent to Mr: Mastr: Concerning the Share in ye Shanck. being prepared & an Englishman Commander.

procure to Send him a Pallanqueen from hence if you be pleased to gett him one there upon his Arrivall, I shall Satisfye w^{t} Charges he shall be att, the Mussoones are draweing Very near, wherefore may it please your Worsp^{ll}: to Send him hither as he can possible desireing you Likewise to Send along wth: him all things that are Necessary for the Vessell Herje Rasa & Samagee Naigue are arrived at Ballyporom & they will come to Tiroonamale in this Month of July I am goeing to meet y^{m}: & w^{n}: I goe I will also carry wth: me, You Egyb; Sendara Checariah & shall gett him [to Visett] them & acquainting your Worshp^{ll}: [...].

Concerning your Egyb goeing to meet Herjee Rasa &c.

No. 4 TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HENRIQUE MEIDAON FROM GOLCONDAH TO Y^{E}: RIGHT WORSP^{LL}: STREYNSHAM MASTERS ESQ^{R}: & GOVERNOUR.

DATED JULY Y^{E}: 7TH } 1681.
REC^{d}: DITTO Y^{E}: 19 }

TO THE WORTHY & NOBLE
STREYNSHAM MASTERS.

Concerning Hocnasser & his Man^{r}: of proceedings about y^{e}: 2,000 Pag: Piscash.

I arrived in this Kingdome of Golcandah in y^{e}: Month of June & presently I was informed that Hocnasser had agreed wth: Madana & Achana for 2000 Pag^{s}: & that y^{e}: S^{d}: Hocnasser onley expected the Arrivall of the Money, & by the advice he made to y^{r}: Worsp^{ll}: in answer of yours to him as well by w^{t}: Brameny Lyngapah wrote hither both to Madana & Achana concerning you Saying if any Person should come to present them wth: any Petition they should not except [*sic*] of it for he by one Meanes or other would endeavour to draw 6 or 70,000 Pag^{s}: the s^{d}: Hocnasser hearing these wordes answered Maddana & Achana that your Worsh [*sic*] was no farmer that took any thing at farme, nor no Husbandman, that Sowed Seed & Reeped the fruit thereof; and also having told Many other things touching y^{r}: Worsp^{ll}: Madana [relyed ... again ... w^{n}:] Achana came downe y^{t}: you did not come to meet him, by w^{ch}: he was much Scandalized but Hocnasser to Ingratulate [*sic*] himself into his ffavour had agreed for 2,000 Pag^{s}: And for to Send your Worsp^{ll}: y^{n}: the Phyrmaund and Tasheriff & to present all Impediments in Your Worsp^{ll}: s buisiness, so that there was no Room Left for me to make any Contract by one meanes or other wth: the Brameneyes, they doe know allready the Same of Money and your Worsp^{ll}: had ordered me in all things but did not appoint me about y^{e}: Money whereby I have been Somew^{t}: in a Confusion, Since it is once already promised this buisiness cannot be made an end off, wth: out Complying wth: y^{e}: S^{d}: Contract and y^{r}: Worsp^{ll}: doe better understand herein w^{t}: I write I do not remaine here Idle but rather am Inquiring and Solliciting by all means that this buisiness may be done God infuse his Virtue in it and Likewise put y^{r}: Worsp^{ll}: in [mind] it is better [to] make an end of the buisiness [here] & not [wth:] Podula Lingapah, whereas this is the [Cheif] place, and you [need not doubt] of your Worsp^{s}: buisiness [...] from y^{r}: Worsp^{s}: concerning this Matter wherein you will favour me So god preserve you wth: Long Life & wth: much health & ffelicity & Augmentatio of y^{r}: dignity both Spirituall & Temporall according to your Wishes for my Protection & Comfort. God preserve y^{r}: Worsh: &c^{a}:

Your Most Humb^{e}: Servt:
HENRIQUE MEIDAON.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM VOLABINI GRUA FROM GOLCANDAH TO TACHAR SERAPAH.

DATED JULY Y^{E}: 1st:

Since the Governour and you sent me to Golcondah I have enquired every where concerning the Buisiness y^{o}: sent me about and I found that by your first Letter writt hither y^{e}: buisiness was past remedy y^{e}: first Letter was presented to Brameney Maddana & Achana but they were angry therewth: seeing that the Governour of Chinapt: went and [ffell] on Se[verall] townes and did many other things by force & Violence & w^{n}: Achana came to Trip[otee] he did not to [Vizitt] him & many other Com [. . .] and that [therefore] the Governour shall [. . .] ffind to.

A ffine of 10 or 12,000 Pagos: to be pd: to the Divan for the unjust proceedings of Mr: Master.

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* [Pages 14 to 33 are wanting in the original volume.]

To Y^E : RIGHT WORSP^LL : STREYNSHAM MASTERS ESQ^R : AGENT & GOVERN^R : &C^A : COUNCELL.

MADAPOLL^m : 3^D : JULY 1681.
REC^D : 27 DITTO.

Right Worsp^ll : S^r : &c^a :

Our last to you was after the 17th : Ultim^o : therein adviseing you what agreement we had made w^th : our Merchants, and what the Investment on first Muster this Year will amount to Viz^t : 69593 pag^os : 10 fanams–3 Cas then omitting to deduct what money the Merchants have rec^d : on Interest, w^ch : being 18,000 pag^os : and the Interest thereon at 6 ₽Cent amounting to 1050 pag^os : there will remain on the Investm^t : 50,513 : 10 : 3 (Pag : fan : Cas) besides what we shall want for Charges Merchandize Factory Expences finishing the Sloopes &c^a : one of the Sloopes is now in the Water, and the other goes on forward, as fast as Possible but fear her finishing in time to goe down this Year. *Concerning the Investment this Year and the finishing the Sloopes.*

We hope ere this the Honble : Comp^as : Shipps are arriv'd with you, and that they have Sent out a good Supply of Servants intreating to Spare Some to this Factory, w^ch : So much wants. *And the want of Servants.*

We herew^th : Send you our Consultations Diary & accounts of Cash [with] John Clerks [account] of expences for the last month [. . . w^ch : hath . . .] and Respectfully remaine.

[. . .]
[. . .]

MADAPOLL^M : JULY THE 17TH : 1681.

To Y^E : RIGHT WORSP^LL W^M : GYFFORD ESQ^R : AGENT & GOVERN^R &C^A : COUNCELL.

Right Worsp^ll S^r : &c^a .

Upon the concluding the above, we received Notice, The Fort was Strictly beseiged and that our Peons Lay in the Way upon w^ch : we Resolved to detaine it till we heard further, but last night rec^d : yours of the 7th : Currant w^ch : we shall now give answer to, but firstly presum humbly to Crangratulate, [*sic*] the arrivall of the new Governour whom w^th : his Councell we Pray the Almighty God to bless and prosper, w^th : all health and happiness, as also Success in all their Undertakeings, neither any Quantity of Europe goods nor any Silver will Sell here but Some Europe goods we Shall want for presents as you will perceive by our last Gen^ll : of the 15th : June, Dollar, Silver John Feild had some small Matter Sold att Metchlep^m : Lately at 5⅜₽. [*lacuna in the original*] but if any of the Honble : Comp^as : come down it will w^th : out doubt fall, however he is now going to Metchlep^m : from whence will write you farther. *About the Seige and of the Peons lying in the way. And of the Congratulation of the arrivall of the new Governour. Concerning Necessity Europe goods and the fall of Doll : Silver.*

We herew^th : send y^o : Coppy of our Consultation of [. . .] humbly entreating y^o : to take off [. . .] on John Feild w^ch : we Cannot conceive [. . .] to the Hono^ble : Comp^a : but detrim^t : [. . .] [. . .] *Mr: John Feild desires his Confinement to be taken off.*

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM VOLOBANENEY GROPA FROM GOLCANDAH TO CHOCOSERVOPA.

REC^D : JULY 27th : 1681.

I enjoy good health & shall be very Glad to hear the like from you, I have observed the Contents of the Letter you Sent me, you writt me that after I had taken my leave from Chinapatnam, that I came and Stayed in my Countrey when you had Sent me hither about Such a buisiness, would I offer to remain in my Countrey, the 2000 Pag^os : you Sent and the Pag^os : 1200 for Chinapatnams Rent for the last years w^ch : together amounts to 3200 Pag^os : w^ch : Summe of Money Honozerbeake and myself paid to Brameney Achana after that we had paid the Said

Concerning Volabenun Goppa & ye many disputes & argument that he had wth: bameny [sic] Achana.

Summe the Said Achana told us that our Govern^{r}: did great Insolenses to take Verona's Wife and Confined her to his own house & that he has taken away one Lack of Pag^{os}: from Verona and Timona, to w^{ch}: I answered, that our Govern^{r}: was not want [*sic*] to be guilty of such actions, & that he was a Chaster Person & that I knew not who'twas Should misinforme him wth: Such a Report, Achana replyed me again, that I did not Speak y^{e}: truth to w^{ch}: I answered, If what I have Spoke you prove to be ffalse I'll engage to loose my Head and desired [them] to make farther enquiry about [. . .] w[. . .] answer, its Concerning [. . Timona . . .] and that our Honble: Comp^{a}: did use to ffavour Timona and Verona in Employing them wth: 4 or 5 Lacks of Pag^{os}: Investm^{t}: ℘ Annum in Callicoes, and that they have not ballanced their Accompts wth: the Comp^{a}: in four or five Years, and the Last Years ballanceing their Acc^{ts}: found them Debtors both to the Comp^{as}: and their Merchants in a Very Considerable Sum of Money So that our Govern^{r}: (according to Justice) only made them pay what was due to the Merchants and Company too : to w^{ch}: Brameney Achana answered Saying that Timona and Verona for 10 or 12 Years time have, farmed Some 12000 Pag^{os}: in our Countrey every Year and that they have advanced much Proffitt out of those townes they farmed and that all that money falls to him to w^{ch}: I answered him that they gott Money by our Honble: Comp^{a}: and paid the divan notwth: Standing the Loss they Sustained by farmeing the townes and that they did not anything by farmeing them and Since he was Misinformed I desired him to Informe himself of y^{e}: truth of itt, then he told me that I being the Comp^{as}: Servant I would Say any thing in their behalfes, and Said no more about that and besides he asked me w^{t}: we had to do to fall upon their townes and abuse them to w^{ch}: I answered that those who [. . .] enimyes had misinformed him and that our [. . .] offer any Such things, this was [. . .] that after these descourses [. . .] he had [. . .] Dayes time promising that he would make [an] end of our buisiness as we desired, and w^{n}: he had bin Severall times wth: him again he delayed me Some 12 dayes times appointing me Still to Come tomorrow upon which I told Hocnozerbeak that he being a great ℘ son and had writt to our Govern^{r}: he trusting upon his word Sent the 2000 Pag^{os}: as a ℘ sent & the 12,000 Pag^{os}: for Chinapatnans Last years Rent and that all our Chinapatnam buisiness was Stopt after w^{ch}: the Said Hocnazerbeak haveing bin wth: Brameny Achana and talked wth: him, Achana told him he should Send the English Dubash to him so I went accordingly to him who told me Saying that Hocnozerbeake being a Person he came betwixt us So that we were forced to hear what he Said So that he laid his Chop on the Rocca & delevered the Same to me the words he told me w^{n}: he gave itt into my hand were as followeth Viz^{t}: that Brameny Podela Lingapah doth designe to make a Petta & build Ship att Lathoma and therefore that I should writt to the Govern^{r}: not to hinder him in the least and that he Should rather assist him in furthering the buisiness & besides he ordered me to write to the Governour that we Should keep great Persons that Live in the towne to doe their trade and Merchandize as the Dutch do an then a [. . . . buisiness] will end well for the Present & [. . . . free from] paying any [. . . . should a] Factory there all [. . . . wth] out any Complaint, upon to w^{ch}: I answered him [that our Govern^{r}] had writt him a Letter therefore in answer to him amongst other things might please him to write that if we should build a ffactory there as the Dutch have, then all things would come to Rights then he told me, that when he Sends down Tasheriffs to the Governour, then he would write to him about it, after that they had delevered the Rocca & read the same I did not find it according to the Coppy I gave him, I went & acquainted Hocnozerbeak thereof Saying that the Rocca was according to the Contents of the Coppy, I gave & therefore what should we do wth: this Rocca w^{ch}: w^{n}: he had gott the Same read was heartily greived att it, this thing happened on Wedensday the 13 of July & the next day, Hocnozerbeak went againe to the Brameney Achana unto whom he shewed himself much Concerned Saying that notwithstanding he was a great ℘ son who would trust him hereafter and that he had quite lost his Creditt amongst men, & upon this Brameney Achana

And about Podela Lingapahs design in building Shipps att S^{t}: Thoma.

Concerning the Rocca not being according to the Contents of the Coppy.

promised to make an end of our bisiness by Munday or Tuesday next upon wch: I took four Peons & writt away what had passed here [wi]thin three or four dayes after the 3,200 pagos: was Sent [hi] ther; [from thence] Podela Lingapah had notice there [. . . . .] [writt .] [hither] to Achana. So no [. . . . .] is known they used [. . . . .] of all what [passes] towards you if those things wch: are acted so Secretly Soon made known how the Compas: buisiness go forward here and abundance of trouble wch: passes here, for me to write any Secrecy from hence would not Signifie any thing by reason it is so soon published, you will understand by wt: Lingapah Sayes of his designe in building a Petta and Ships therefore I thought ffitt to advise you off itt before hand, and have Sent a list of things wch: are as ffolloweth Vizt.

Arrowes 30 Cost rups:	6
1 Bow	4
2 ℘e: of Shoes	3
The totall of wch: amounts ...Rups.	13

Wch: thing yo: may please to receive I paid 7 Rup: to those 7 Peons wch: brought hither the money I shall write yo: farther hereafter. I have Sent you. The new Coppy of the Contents of the Rocca I gave Brameny Achana and a Coppy of the Rocca he gave me wth: his Chop entreating ye: continuance of your favour towards me, there is not any thing new towards Vizapoor those Countreyes beyond Golcandah have troubles amongst themselves.

A List of the prizes of Divers goods for those Present here Vizt:
Course Cloth at 18 pagos: for 21 yards or thereabouts.
Copper 17 Pagos: ℘ [Ca . .]. Turtle shell att 300 [℘ . . . . . Candy].
[Ver] million att 120 [℘ . . . . . Candy].
Raronick att 120 pagos: ℘ . . .
Fine Scarlett att 70 pagos: qt 21 Yds: or thereabouts.
These are the prizes of the above said Comodities here for the Present.
I shall write you after of the prizes of Some other Comodies: as for other Matters I have writ in the Governoures Lettr: wch: you will See.

To ye: Rt: Worspll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr: Agent & Governour &ca: Councell.

Metchlepm: July 20th } 1681
Recd: Ditto. 29 }

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:

From Madapollam ye: 12th: Currant we dispatched a Genll: to you wherein we advised you that place was no Mart for Silver or any Quantity of Europe goods & refferred yo: to ours of the 15th: June for wt: would be wanting for presents wherein was omitted a douzin of Sword blades wch: intreat may be Sent us.

Since my Comeing here, haveing enquired ye: price of Silver; find itt to be butt 5 : 1/16 Pago: ℘ Seer, & will undoubtedly lower much more if any quantity of the Honble: Compa: come down & must be putt of here, to Supply our Merchts: who are poor men though proveing honest hitherto & wth: out money [they] can do nothing, however shall use all ℘ swasion [to gett] them to take off the silver att the price of this towne [. . . . .] Merchants of [the] ffacfory shall doe & haveing [. . . . .] Respectfully Remaine

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:
Yor very humble Servant
John ffeilr.

SENR. STREYNSHAM MASTER.

GOLCANDAH, JULY : $\frac{16}{26}$

Much worthy & noble Sr : RECD : DITTO YE : 29th : 1681.

I recd : yr : Lettr : in Compa : wth : 3,200 Pagos : & according to your worspll : order, myself & Achanazeer deliver'd ye : 2,000 Pagoe : present. & ye : other 1,200 Pagoe : wch : yo : remained oweing of the last Year, wch : Madana & Achana told us yt : after 2 or 3 dayes they would dispatch us according to wch : Promise ye : Sd : dayes being passt I & Accanazer went another time to them, wn : we were answer'd that in ye : Space of 5 or 6 dayes, they would ℘form their promise, then sd : I to Accanazer that in this manner ye : dayes were Str [tc] hed out wch would be a great delay now wn : all things necessary were stopped frō Comeing in to us, it was better to follow them close and make an end presently, then ye : Sd : Accanazer went and gave Madana & Achana to understand about ye : Stop upon wch : they called for me & bad me write a letter to your Worp : that you should send Some discreet & Sufficient ℘son wth : a present to Podula Lingapah to treat wth : him & whatsoever he wrote to ym : was Necessary to be done belonging to your Worspll : they would do itt if that we did not make an [*sic*] wth : this difference wth : Lingapah, they themselves [. . .] I answered that they were Head of Lingapah, & more others also. And therefore I came to make an end of this ℘ticular & yn : Shewed them ye : Copies of the Phyrmaunds your Worspll : delivered me Madana and Achana answered those Coppies Should be shewed to Lingapah yn : I said he would not obey them, therefore I brought them hither ; Madana & Achana answered yt : Lingapah was minded to make a Citty and a Port att St : Thoma & build Ships & in this manner bids me write to your Worspll : to give him help therein, and I likewise to affirm that there is not anything in Madrass, wch : this Madana & Achana does not understand by meanes of Lingapah, and So quick is he that he hath published by writeing that yor : Worspll : hath sent up Money & they understood itt here before it had bin 2 or 3 dayes upon the way & yr : Worspll : understands bettr : by whose meanes he would make this Contract in Shipps there is also many things wch : appertain to you. I have to Speake but dare not write them, because they will become publick neither is itt proper for me who am an Inhabitant & have a family there ; likewise Madana & Accana told me yt : your Worspll : had taken from Verona, & Timmona'es people more yn : one lack of Pagos : I answered wt : was Verona & Timmona yt : they should have So much Money & it was better they asked [. . . .] Metchlepatm : who knew them and in wt : manner they were & if it was so that ye : Sd : Verona & Timmona did possess any money, itt was ye : Compas : wch : they took to trade wth : all & also they being their greatest servant, they gave their Cargo, but in ye : end of 7 or 8 Yeares makeing a right accompt wn : wanted So much money wch : the Compa : recover'd to wch : Madana & Accana replyed yt : it was not in this manner Saying that Verona & Timmona had taken some townes of twelve thousand pagoe : yearly rent & that they have Governr : ye : Sd : town more then 15 or twenty Yeares and in this they gott their money & yt : ye : sd : money belonged to them to wch : I answered how could this be it was better they enquir'd further, att ye : time we deliver'd ye : money we gave a Coppy of a Rocca, wherein was those Necessary things as Concerned your Worspll : & after ye : Space of 15 dayes Madana & Achana gave a Rocca wch : wn : I had gotten & Read it was not according to ye : Coppy wch : we gave after all these things I asked Accanazer that in comeing too [*sic*] thousand pagos : all things would be agreed wth : but any hinderance & also they would send Tasheriffs & a Phyrmaund & Rocc'as, how would all these things be for his Creditt, now that your Worspll : had sent ye : Money & in ye : end Madana & Achana bid us to [. . . .] wth : Lingapah if we would treat wth : Lingapah there was no Necessity for us to send hither wn : ye : S d : Accanazer remained Somewt : Sad and answered me that he for his part, Should not desist takeing paines and Serving as much as he could yn : I went to enquire Some newes in this cause by means of some ℘sons from whence they affirme to me that Lingapah had wrote to Madana & Achana touching yor : Worspll : & yt : if any

ℙsons Should come to gett favour in this ℙticular they should not assist them for yᵗ: he yᵉ: said Lingapah by one meanes or other would Endeavour to gett 15 or twenty thousand pag^os: & this is yᵉ: cause yᵗ: yᵉ: agreemᵗ: wᶜʰ: Accanazer had made was hindred & there is not any thing that passes there but they know it here by way of Lingapah for why he sends Post for Madana & Accana wherein to damnifie all yᵉ: Comp^as: buisiness there and I do also declare that there is not any Confidence to be put in yᵉ: King or any other ℙsons here for as much as I have procured by all manner of wayes that I cann, & there is no remedy; & this day there is not any one yᵗ: can take yᵉ: advantage of Maddana & Achana & all things are in their pleasure, & they are so secure on this writeing of Lingapah, touching yᵒ: 15 or 20000 Pag that your Worspˡˡ: must not desist to secure yourSelf as much as Necessary for why this day I strive wᵗʰ: Embroyles Cheats & forme to manifest this Your [Worsp . .] better then myself, So that God Allmighty will be done in itt & I likewise to affirm all yᵉ: discourses we have had were to yᵉ: 23 July I also asked Accanazer that he would write to your Worspˡˡ: but he answered he was greived to write to you, and again another time yᵉ: Sᵈ: Accanazer & mySelf went to Madana & Accana to know of them certain newes, then they answered that they would give their resolutions by the 28ᵗʰ: July in yᵉ: meantime I wrote this letter, in my other I shall give yᵒ: my Intire resolutions, according to yᵉ: Sayings of Madana & Achana; here goes also yᵉ: Coppy of the Rocca in yᵉ: Same stile as Madana & Achana made it, yᵉ: Rocca itself as being not right remaines here also yᵉ: Coppy of a Rocca I made in yᵉ: manner it Should be made, and in this yoʳ: Worspˡˡ: may better rectifie itt, and likewise Madana & Accana Say if your Worspˡˡ: would send some officer of the Company to remain there and yⁿ: Send Merchandize as yᵉ dutch do, & in that manner they shall not give any impediment nor take any Juncan & wⁿ: it is not in this way then they say there will allwayes be doubts & thus they bad me write to your Worship, wᶜʰ: be pleased to take itt into Consideration and according as I have an answer I shall receive favours I likewise affirme to your Worspˡˡ: in that wᶜʰ: I can Serve and take trouble I solicite by all the wayes I can & [. . . . .] If this buisiness, Gods will be done, likewise for those Peons 7 Persons wᶜʰ: brought yᵉ: Money I gave 7 Rupies. God give a long life wᵗʰ: much Health & happy augmentations of your Estate both Spirituall & Corporall every thing according to yᵉ: measure of your own desire, for my beniffitt and Comfort. God keep your Worspˡˡ:

Lingapah gives an accompt to Accana &c: of wᵗ: passeth att ye ffort.

No Confidence to be putt in ye King in as much that Madana & Achana rule all.

Puttig offs and delayes that the Egyb & Accanazer had.

Your most humble Servᵗ:

[Henirique] Meidaon.

Translate of a Letter from Brameny Podela Lingapah from Conjevaron to yᵉ: Rᵀ: Worspˡˡ: Wᴹ: Gyfford Esqᴿ: Governᴿ:

Recᵈ: yᵉ: 30 July 1681.

I enjoy good Health and shall be very glad to hear yᵉ like from your Worspˡˡ: by the lettʳ: you sent me & by wᵗ: Peddavencatadry hath told me of your good Inclinatiᵒ att wᶜʰ: I doe heartily rejoice, & so long as you are so kind to me & so faithfull & obedient towards the divan I know not what you can wish yᵗ: will be denied you. Seeing yᵉ Divan have ordered me to permitt yᵒ: to trade, & Merchandice wᵗʰ: out any hinderance, by their leave. I do likewise grant yᵒ: free liberty to trade, if from this day forward yᵒ keep the Continuance of your love towards me & do as shall please the divan, that will be as much proffitt to me as for other matters I have now Send Brameny Modopontulo to your Worspˡˡ: desireing you to take notice what he & Peddavencatadry shall tell [. ? .] that his Highness [yᵉ: a] lumpona & the brameny Modena Achana, have sent their Phyrmaunds & Roccas ordering Chenepatnam to be on my side wᶜʰ: Phyrmaunds & Roccas I have now remitted to your Worspˡˡ: by the said Modopontulo, wᶜʰ: you must esteem on your Head & come a little way to receive them, I have now presented to you wᵗʰ: this letter some small matter for which I beg your acceptance desireing the Continuance of your Love and to lay your Commands upon me.

Lingapah upon the receipt of the Governours civill lettr: ℙmitts all Merchandize to come to town.

Chenapatnam to be under Lingapah Government.

TRANSLATE OF A ROCCAS FROM Y^{e}: BRAMENY MODENA & ACHANA TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: CAP^{T}: MOOR OF CHENAPATNAM.

DATED IN JUNE.

The Capt: for the English & Such Merchants w^{ch}: goe to and fro & y^{e}: Merchants belonging to the town make known y^{t}: we have taken y^{e}: town of Chenapatnam from Mahomett Hebrahim the Shackells Side and gave itt into y^{e}: Charge of Brameny Lingapah, & act in y^{e}: matter of the Divans affairs as he shall tell you.

TRANSLATE OF A PHYRMAUND FROM HIS HIGHNESS Y^{e}: ALLUMPANAH FROM GOLCANDAH TO Y^{e}: RIGHT WORSP THE ENGLISH CAP^{t}: MOOR OF CHENAPATNAM, DATED Y^{e}: PRIME OF JUNE ANNO: 1681.

To y^{e}: English Capt: Moor of Chenepatnam & the Merch^{ts}: that go to and fro: together wth: the Merchants & the rest of the Inhabitants of the town be itt known that in this ꝑsent year 1681 we have taken away the town of Chenapatnam from Mahomett Hebrahim on Shalkel Shahe's Side wth: the knowledge of Brameny Accana have given it into y^{e}: Charge of Brameny Podela Lingapah Taraphdar & Fougdar of the Carnatt Countrey, you must do such things w^{ch}: may please the s^{d}: Lingapah & y^{n}: acquaint us wth: your requests do as to please the s^{d}: Lingapah that he may remaine Satisfied wth: you whereby will redound to you much beneffitt, wherefore observe the Contents of this our Phyrmaund

This Phyrmaund was ordered to be written by his Highness the Allumpanah his leave granted to the Mogeumdar Shahe Modo Caunugee.

TRANSLATE OF A ROCCA FROM BRAMENY ACCANA TO BRAMENY PODELA LINGAPAH FROM GOLCANDAH.

REC^{D}. JULY 30: 1681.

The Governour of Chinepatam & Metchlepatams Servants came & inform'd us that Chinepatam was béseig'd & Prohibited Carrying thither, their goods graines &c^{a}: things & that you have robbed one of their Cheif Merchants house call'd Ayapachittee, & taken prisoners some other of their Merchants for w^{t}: reason did you do so, So we order you that on Sight of this a Rocca mitts graines &c^{a}: provisions & fuell to be brought to their town & deliver back all things w^{ch}: were taken from their Cheif Merchants Ayapachittee's House also deliver them all their Merchants w^{ch}: you have taken Prisoners & we do hereby order you to favour and assist y^{e}: English more then ever in all things; the last year's Chinepatnams Rent we have allready rec^{d}: in the Divan's treasure and therefore demand them not So you shall do their buisiness that no further Complaint may come to us if there should be any buisiness Concerning the English you may write us hither about itt & we shall make amend of itt, hinder them not in the least for it is our pleasure to favour them as you find by this our letter.

TRANSLATE OF A ROCCA FROM BRAMENY ACCANA TO BRAMENY PODELA LINGAPAH FROM GOLCANDA. NO DATE.

Seeing the Govern^{r}: of Chinepatam did send his Servant hither desireing a Rocca to Podela Lingapah to assist them in their affaires and hath sent us 2000 pag as a present and we haveing agreed wth: them that they shall act with all fedility towards the divan according to your request and we have accepted the 2000 Pag^{s}: as a present, we have likewise rec^{d}: Chinepatam's Last Yeares rent the Sum of 1200 Pag: Chenepatams Govern^{r}: if towards you who will Send his people to you, after whose arrivall if they will Promise that they will live in obedience under the Divan as you would have them then you may discourse wth: Him for, if they shall do as you shall desire them, then we shall remain Satisfied wth: the said present, for, we did not agree wth: them in the least wth:out your approbation we haveing talked and agreed wth: their people that whatsoever buisiness they shall have shall

Concerning the 2000 Pag as a present accepted.

be done would have them after the english Governours. Peoples arrivall all wth: you, and have discourst wth: you & then what Phyrmaund and Roccas there shall be need off concerning their buisiness you may send us the Substance thereof and then we shall send from Hence a Phyrmaund and Roccas and Tasheriff for them to give you & you may send them and therefore write to us about itt wth: all expedition.

Accana's Rocca to Lingapah to impower him to act all affaires wth: the English.

To Y^E: R^T: Worsp^{LL}: W^M: Gyfford Esq^R: Agent, Agent & Govern^R: of Fort S^T: George.

Metchlep: Y^E: 18TH July
Rec^D: ditto 31ST: } 1681.

R^t: Worsp^{ll}: S^r: &c^a,

Your Gen^{ll} of the 7 July brought the Wellcome of three of our Hon^r: Masters ships and there on the R^t Worsp^{ll} William Gyfford Esqr, Governour and Agent in the roome of Esqr. Masters whose safe arrival we most heartily Congratulate.

The Welcome news of the arrival of the ships and the Congratulation of the new Govern^r:

In your Gen^{ll}: you require us to advise us to advise the price of Silver and what quantity of Europe goods we shall be able to Vend this year Silver is att present at 5⅝ Pag and ½ ₩ seer but we find itt falls dayly as for Europe goods we have great quantity lying by us as ₩ the enclosed acc^t: remaines, for most of w^{ch}: we meet wth: but Very Slow Markett, therefore do Suppose 10 Bales Scarletts, 10 Bales Broad Cloth, and 10 Bales Clothrashes will be as much as we shall be able to dispose off by next Shipps.

Concerning the vending of Europe goods this year and the price of dollar Silver.

The 2 Chest of Corall entered in the acco^t remaines was in a former Gen^{ll}: to us of the 21 Aprill from the fort ordered not to be disposed off itt here they haveing Contracted for it her.

The 2 Chests of Corall Contracted for.

We shall endeavour our greatest Care to make up M^rWynns want in Cash as fast as his debts and adventures shall Come in, but do Suppose twill be much sooner Compleat'd Should y^e: R^t: Worsp^{ll}: the Agent & Councell think itt Convenient to Secure itt out of his Concernes in Shipping which are now, or are dayly expected att Madrass.

M^r: Wyns want in Cash sooner Compleated and secured att Madrass.

Our Acc^{ts}: Cash &c^a: Shall follow in 2 or 3 dayes more at ₩ sent we nothing else to offer but Respectively to Conclude.

R^t Worsp^{ll} S^r &c^a,
Sam^{LL}, Wales.
George Ramsden.

George Ramsden humbly entreats the favourable license of the R^t: Worsp^{ll}: the Governour & Councell to repair to the ffort having some urgent occasions that calls him hither.

G.R.

Translate of a letter from Brameny Podela Lingapah from Conjevorum To y^E: R^T: Worsp^{LL}; Will^M: Gifford, Govern^R:

Rec^D: AugST: 9, 1681.

I enjoy good Health and do Heartily wish to hear the like from your Worsp: having read the lett^r: you sent me by w^{ch}: I understand those ffreindly discourses you have had wth: Brameny Modopuntulo w^{ch}: I doe so much rejoice att that, I want words to express, my masters do not think they loose anything by y^r: Comeing of a foreigne Countrey to trade here, they are great men and have plenty enough of money so that they do not want any thing & they are people w^{ch}: a small matter will Satisfie them, and therefore I know not why they should design to doe the English any Harme while they drive a Considerable trade in the town and Continue to live under their obedience w^{ch}: is much as great Proffitt to my Masters, my Masters having bin very much displeased att the Insolences, acted by the late Govern^r: towards the divan and the inhabitants of your town & very fortunately (for the people of the s^d: town) you are come into the place, you may

The great advantage the English will have in Pleasing the Divan.

please to know that by your good inclination what faults were Committed by the late Governour are now forgotten, you are a ℘son that doth well Consider the future and therefore you know how to please the divan, So from this time forward [. . .] the divans buisiness and y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{as} : affaires [. . .] forward and your Worsp^{ll}: will obtaine a great reputation amongst all men therefore be pleased be faithfull towards the Divan and give Content to the Merchts and be an assistant to me in buisiness for the Divan w^{n} I shall desire itt that we may preserve a perpetuall freindship betwixt us being a Continuance of your love towards me and to impart to me the good news of your Health at w^{ch}: times pray lay your Commands upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^{R} : FROM VOLABENEENY GRUAH FROM GOLCANDAH TO Y^{E} : R^{T} : WORSP^{LL} : STREYNSHAM MASTERS ESQ^{R} :

DATED Y^{E} : 21TH JULY } 1681.
REC^{D} : AUGST : 9TH }

Concerning the new Govern^{r} : & Podela Lingapah being made freinds. And a promise y^{t} : Phyrmaund and Roccas Should be Sent.

What passeth here till the 25th : of July Viz : Brameny Accana acquanted me that the former Govern^{r} : was put out of Place and that there was Come out a new Governour and Podela Lingapah were made ffreinds and that the Seige was taken off and that Verona's Wife was likewise released Saying that Podela Lingapa had in a Lr̃e transmitted to Him these things, and if this new Govern^{r} : should write them that He and Brameny Lingapah are very good ffreinds he would Send him Phyrmaunds, Roccas & Tasheriffs to w^{ch} : I answered though he be either new Govern^{r}: or old touching the Honble : Comp^{as} : affaires they are both one to ỹ : and therefore he may please to send what Honours he intends to do them to w^{ch} : he replyed againe Saying that I should write thither concerning itt, and to procure an answer from thence in whose name he would have us to send them this is w^{t} : is past to Hocnazerbeak in a Complain'g way that he being a great ℘son upon whose words you did send up 3200 pag and not any of our buisiness nor sent any Phyrmaunds Roccas nor [Tasheriffs . . .] to the Uttmost of His power day and Night on purpose to effect our buisiness, he desires your Worsp^{ll}: that you would be pleased to Send 3 good Europe Cheeses wth: the prices of them, may itt please your Worsp^{ll} : to lay your Command on me.

A List of w^{t} : money I p^{d} : to the following ℘sons.

Viz :		Rup :
To	Ahiry Yengchana	2
	Nickany Aponah	2
	Ahedy Modary	1
	Chinde Raumiah	1
	w^{ch} : in all amo^{t} : to Rup :	6

Since I p^{d} : the aboves^{d} : money here I thought to write your Worsp : thereof.

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^{R} : FROM HYGIB CANDRAH CHEOARIAH FROM PORTO NOVO TO Y^{E} : R^{T} : WORSP^{LL} : W^{M} : GYFFORD : GOVERN^{R} :

DATED : AUG : 6 :
R : DITTO 11TH : 1681.

The divan prevailing wth : Harje Raja & Shamaugenaigue to send Soubidars to make an end of the Governours buisiness.

I have rec^{d} : y^{r} : Worsp^{s} : Lett^{r} : & the Coppy of the Cowle you Sent and observed their Contents since I gott the Sobidar to Read the s^{d} : Coppy of the Cowle he very much rejoiced thereatt and told me Saying that your Worsp : being such a Person the Honble : have chosen you as Such a person fitt to be imploy'd in such a great place as that he was Very ambitious to maintaine a ffreindship wth ; such a ℘son as your Worsp : and that the Divans will not graunt somethings, w^{ch} : are Comprehended in the s^{d} : Cowle however he would use his uttmost endeavours to please your Worsp^{l} : in Prevailing wth : Harge Raja & Shamaugenaigue to bring the buisiness to a good effect, for w^{n} : he first writes up to y^{e} : Maharajah concerning our affaires he rec^{d} : an answer [. . .] that he

was sending a Couple of Sobedars down that upon their arrivall in these parts both they and Himself should have Conferrance together to bring the buisiness to a Conclusion they can agree w^{ch}: order he doth intend to impart to the s^{d}: Soubedars & endeavour to perswade them as much as he can to consent to w^{t}: is mentioned in o^{r}: Cowle to such place as we desire & gett them to send y^{r}: Worsp: the Tasheriff and that they had a great deal of buisiness w^{ch}: must be done by your Worsp: meanes & that they did not know how God Allmighty would be pleased to dispose of them, & that your Worsp^{l}: being a great ꝑson and an occasion of buisiness that they may shew (not by words but deeds) Since you have waited all this while this is now the best oppertunity to settle your Concernes, & that he knew Very well that he was now going to Visitts [*sic*] ꝑsons of great Quality & therefore all w^{ch}: he hath discoursed wth: me about itt will Come to a Conclusion he intends tomorrow w^{ch}: will be the 7th: Currant to depart hence, & that if your Worsp^{l}: Hygib Should follow Him wth: such ꝑsents as are fitt to be sent by your Worsp^{ll}: to those great ꝑ sons that then he will be able to bring the buisiness to a good end & that I should acquaint your Worsp^{l}: wth: these things I designe now to give your Worsp^{l}: to understand that such presents are excepted w^{ch}: I now mention. Viz^{t}. two Larg presents to the 2 great Soubedars & another p^{r}sent to Habicabaja Maharaja Sister who is wife to Harjerajar & another to Peshwai. Narso Yencatadry & for [*sic*] other great ꝑson as Your Worsp^{ll}: shall think ffitt in Cloves, Mace, Nuttmeggs, Rosewater & the like & for Petty officers who waite on the divan to have some 20 or 30 Pag^{os}: to be distributed among them the greater the presents [the bett^{r}:] the buisiness will be done.

And likewise sending y^{e}: Higib wth presents y^{t}: [y^{e}:] buisiness may be effected.

I suppose your Worsp^{l}: hath enquired how much the ducth [dutch?] hath spent, ouly to gett a peice of ground att Porto Novo, att the last y^{e}: Soubedar told me that w^{t}: buisiness was to be done would be done and that I should now goe along wth: Him w^{ch}: your Worsp: may be pleased to order me as you shall think fitt.

The s^{d}: Soubedar att Porto Novo did allwayes tell me from y^{e}: begining that in dispite of the dutch to prevaile so as to gett these two or 3: places to be Settled under the English. the great ꝑsons that are about this Soubedar of Porto Novo that assist us in our affaires are these following ꝑsons Viz^{t}: Mojomdar Shanker Hajee Mahahuh Yeadou Pontulo the Soubedars brother Viettogee Pontulo, the Soubedars wife Socco Boy these are the four great ꝑsons about the soubedar I have before this accquainted the late Govern^{r}: here of an occasion Concluding buisiness, y^{r}: Worsp^{l}: knows best how to give Content to these great ꝑsons here & there about the great Soubedars to your Worsp^{l}: be pleased to order me how I should behave myself about itt. The Soubedar of Porto Novo doth intend after our buisiness is order'd, to have a share in the trade both att Cheuepatam & these places by your Worsp^{s}: means may itt please your Worsp: that w^{n}: you write to these great men to shew them all the respects & give them all as great titles you can, this Soubedar did very much rejoice att the receipt of your lett^{r}, Saying altho' you were newly come to Place, yet your kind way of writeing to Him seemed as though you had a long acquaintance wth: Him & wth: much Joy he ordered them to discharge 10 Gunns, he is a merry ꝑson & one that hath bin a great freind to the Maharogee from a Child, besides the 18 Countreyes w^{ch}: are now under him he hath promised to give him under his Govern^{r}: Such Countreys w^{ch}: will produce the sum of 15000 Pag^{os}: more ꝑ Annum y^{e}: Maharogee hath disposest all other Soubedars this Soubedar of Porto Novo hath prepared an [. . .] deale of treasure and Europe things to present the Soubedar wth: So I beg the Continuance of your Worsp^{l}: love towards me and to lay your Commands upon me as you shall think ffitt.

Concerning the 4 great ꝑ sons about the Soubedars: that assists in y^{e}: affaires att Porto Novo.

of the kind receipt of a Lett^{r}: that was sent to the Soubedar.

Translate of a Lett^{r}: from the Subedare Gopoldaurgee Pontulo from Porto Novo to Y^{e}: R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Govern^{r}:

Dated Aug^{t}: 6
Rec^{d}: ditto 11th: 1681.

To this day being the 6th: Currant I enjoy good Health wishing allwayes to Hear the like from your Worsp^{l}: I [have] observed the Content of y^{e}: Lett^{r}: your

Worsp^{ll}: was pleased to send me having likewise observed the lett^{r}: your Worsp: Sent to your Hygib Candrah Checariah. I do likewise intend tomorrow to take a Journey towards Hargemaurderage & Chenageinaiend if your Worsp: will be pleased to send your Higib along wth: me I shall then acquaint y^{or}: Worsp wth: what shall pass here as yor: Higib will do the same, Yo^{r}: Worsp^{l}: wrote me that seeing I sent you word that the great Soubidar was Come down you writt me againe that you had ordered your Higib that if he can find any encouragem^{t}: for your People to settle in this Countrey that he should go to Visitt the great Soubedar and that you were in good Hopes I would likewise assist y^{o}: in your affaires desireing me to favour as you writt to yor Higib that you may have good encouragem^{t}: if your Worsp^{l}: Should send your Higib along wth: me & to send by him such a p^{r}: sent as becomes a ℘ son of your Quality I'll gett Him to Visitt the s^{d}: Soubidar and y^{n}: both myself & your Higib shall acquaint y^{or}: Worsp w^{t}: [success] we have in the buisiness the late Govern^{r}: of yor: Place did act as he thought fiitt, but Since you are now come to place byt he kind & Curteous lett^{r}: yor: Worsp^{l}: Sent I do Heartily rejoice therewth: earnestly desireing y^{e}: ℘petuall ffreindship & importing to me the good news of your Health & [...].

The Higib going to Visitt ye: great Soubedar.

And if pr: sents sent a likelywood [sic] of the buisiness to be effectuall.

To y^{e}: R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esqr: Agent & Govern^{r}: &c^{a} Councell.

Madapoll^{m}: dated Augst: 8th:
Rec^{d}: ditto 20th: 1681.

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}.

About the arrivall of the Bengall Mercht: att Metchlepatam.

The 30th: of July the Bengall Merch^{t}: arriv'd in Metchlep^{m}: road in the evening Jno: Davis came ashoar who brought wth: Him your Gen^{ll}: of the 26th: July &c^{a} Papers w^{ch}: were opened & ℘ used by the Councell & on Munday the 1st: Instant the Councell mett to Consider w^{t}: was most Convenient to be done for the remitting of what treasure & goods consigned us by the R^{t} Worsp^{ll}: the Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: for Madapollam actory twas resolved that the treasure and broad Cloth should be carried overland, in order to w^{ch}: Immediately a peon was dispatched for Madapollam to procure w^{t}: Coolyes could be gott for to carry the aforementioned ℘ [ticulars] w^{ch}: arrived there on thursday night & having not Sufficient to Carry both the treasure & 'twas thought Convenient that John Davis & George Ramsden should depart the next day wth: his Treasure and leave the Broadcloth in M^{r}: Wale's Possession, he haveing desired His stay att Metchlepatam some few dayes. His reasons being given in Consultation for itt, & as for the Lead and factors Provisions to be sent by boat on Saturday the 6th: Instant about 2 in the Afternoon the Councell wth: the Comp^{as}: Treasure arrived here in Safety.

And of the sending the treasure & goods overland for Madapollam.

One Munday morning the 8th: Instant the Councell thought it Convenient to Summone the Merch^{ts} together & to make them accquainted wth: the Investm^{t}: required by the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: but after ℘useing the Consultation book found M^{r}: ffeild had Contracted wth: y^{r}: Merch^{ts}: for the Same Sortments that were the last [...] to be done by Esqr: Masters &c^{a}: & finding there is a Considerable quantity of goods required more this year then the last as will appear by the Coppy of the contract made by M^{r}: ffeild of the 16th: June last, we proposed to the Merch^{ts}: y^{e}: overplus goods required to the most part of w^{ch}: they have Contracted for as will appear att the bottom of the abovementioned Contract We do also find y^{t}: M^{r}: ffeild &c^{a} Councell have p^{d}: the Merch^{ts}: 18000 Pag^{o}: att Interest att 6 ℘ cent ℘ annum to go forward wth: this years Investm^{t}: w^{ch}: money is to be deduced of their $\frac{1}{3}^{d}$: part w^{n}: the Investm^{t}: is compleated haveing now delivered them in part of y^{t}: $\frac{2}{3}^{d}$: part 18000 pag^{o}: & contracted w^{t}: them for the 10 Chest of silver of the same Price M^{r}: ffeild &c^{a}: Councell have disposed att at Metchlepatam, w^{ch}: we doubt not but they have advised you of ere this w^{ch}: price if you approv off we have promised to deliver half of the 20 Chests upon the acc^{t}: of y^{e}: $\frac{2}{3}$ & the other 5 Chests, att the Conclusion of y^{e}: Investm^{t}: att the same price if you do not approve off y^{r}: we desire you would be pleased to send us pag^{os}: to Compleat the Investm^{t}: w^{ch}: will amo^{t}: to pag: 93357-4-3.

We have according to y^e: R^t: Worsp^ll: Govern^r: &c^a · Councell order proposed to them an abatem^t: of the former price w^ch: by no means they will hear to, they rather expecting an addition then an abatem^t: since they are now forced to take off such quantity of silver as for Broad Cloth & lead they will meddle w^th: none. — An abatem^t: proposed to ye: Merchts: but they rather expect an addition.

The Percullis required in yo^rs: of the 26th: July doe find that M^r: Feild hath contracted for 933 more then ordered, we proposed to the Merch^ts: y^e: 3 sorts required; to w^ch: they replyed the mony was given for the provision of the quantity ordered by M^r: ffeild so that they could not understand the other sorts [...] Could not be avoided we gave them a strict order to forbear y^s: providing any more then what is required in your Gen^ll: w^ch: they have promised to forbear. — About ye: ℘cullis yt: Mr: ffeild contracted for mor then ordered.

We are in Very great want of Scarlett here w^ch: we hope you have oredered for us by the Shipps that we dayly expect M^r ffeild &c^a haveing wrote for itt in their Gen^ll: of the 15th: June we desire you will be pleased to order the Cheife & Councell att Metchlepatam to send 12 half p^s: for here is one Hosen Beague come lately from Golcandah great Govern^r: of those [*sic*] Place where most of the Comp^as: buisiness lyes so that he will not be putt off w^th: out a Considerable ℘ sent of Scarlett &c^a: besides Severall petty Govern^rs: under Him will expect Piscashes according to their quality w^ch: if not given will be a very great hinderance to the Investm^t: do likewise want 20 Sword blades & half a score lookeing glasses great and small we have likewise according to order order'd Roger Edwards to take possession of a sloop in Metchlepã w^ch: will be ready to saile in 5 or 6 dayes more and the other in good forwardness & do not question but may be ready this Monsoon if that we can procure Masts w^ch: we shall use our uttmost endeavours to gett if Procurable. — Mr: Edwards takeing possession of the sloop Metchlepm: & the other in good forwardness.

The Cost of the sloop Metchlep^m: we can not advice because they have bin both Carryed on together, so we Respectfully remaine

R^t: Worship^ll: S^r: &c^a:
Your very huml^e: Serv^ts:

We have here in the factory a Prisoner called John Young for killing his Servt: w^n: M^r: ffeild hath wrote about y^e: 15th: June to w^ch: have rec^d. no answer therefore we Desire y^r: worsp^e. &c^a: orders Concerning Him.

John Davis.
George Ramsden.

To y^e: R^t: Worsp^ll: W^m: Gyfford, Esq.
Agent & Govern^r: of Fort S^t: George
&c^a: Councell.

Metchep^m: Aug^st: 8th:
Reg^d: ditto 21 :
Answered Sept^r: 15
1681.

By the Bengall Merch^t: the 13 ultm^o: we rec^d: yours of y^e: 26: July &c^a: papers according to list on w^ch: ship arrived here in [safety] Vincent Sayon Robert Freeman and Timothy Harris, of Councell for this ffactory, w^ch: being late & Saturday, night, on Munday morning early we Sent off boats for the Honble: Comp^as: treasures both for this & Madapollam ffactoryes w^ch: being all received the 5 Currant M^r: Davis & M^r: Ramsden departed hence w^th: their part of the treasure and the 6th: in the morning we dispatch't the Bengall Merch^t: here. — The Bengall Mercht: arrived att Metchlep: wth: ye: Companyes servants & treasure.

We shall none of us be backward in ℘forming the Honble: Comp^as: Service imposed upon us, but entreat your Worsp: &c^a: to take into Consideration how far the buisiness of this ffactory is behind hand the Gen^ll: books being up but to the end of March last accisioned [*sic*] as M^r: Wales declares by His late Sickness, and having no assistance & Sev^ll: other writeings not entred as Invoices lett^rs: &c^a: w^ch: John Godard he would have register'd, had they bin given to him and now buisiness Comeing on apace wherefore we humbly entreat you since no — Concerning the Compa: buisiness being behind & ye: want of assistance.

more of y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Intended Servants can be spared that if any one or two of the Soldeiry can be found Capable off itt and you approve thereof you'll please to tell them come to our assistance or give us the liberty to imploy some other in these parts upon urgent occasions.

The expences and Charges &ca: can not be Lessoned att present.

We shall likewise endeavour to be as frugall as possible in all manner of expences, & to y^{t}: end have ℘ used the stewards book but cannot att present give any acc^{t}: wherein y^{e}: Charges can be lessoned neither can we [...] to any Certaine Sum.

We observe by yours that the late Agent & Councells order made in this ffactory the 14th: January 1679 are well approved off by the Honble: Comp^{a}: we likewise hope those of the 15th: ditto wherein itt inordered the building of roomes in this ffactory as likewise a House in y^{e}: Honble; Comp^{as}; guarden att Goodra Since the town is become so unhealthfull and the lower roomes so damp that we have reason to believe both the one & the want of the other have bin the occasion and the death of many of the Honble: Comp^{as}· Servants, wherefore for the indispensable necessity of sickness we humbly entreat you to Confirme those orders then made & to give license to y^{e}: Cheife of the ffactory to be absent from the town more then one night (if the Hon^{e}: Comp^{as}: buisiness require not his stay) for his Health or his necessary buisiness forecing his longer stay therefrom most humbly requesting that that Imposition made by the late Agent may no longer be continued since we hum^{ble}: presume to assure you a liberty therefrom shall inwayes be used to the Honble: Comp^{as}: detriment.

To all those rules then made we shall be very observant in Compliance thereto the uttmost of our power only requesting a revocation of that ℘ticular [order] and we humbly presume farther to tell you that for fear a suspention both M^{r}: Tivill & M^{r}: Winne late Cheifes here remained in this place to the loss of we doubt of their lives w^{ch}: might have bin prevented by a Remoovall [*sic*] to a more wholsome aire.

The rules of paying Sallaryes twice a year approved off.

We shall duly observe the rules for paying our Saleryes and esteem twice a year sufficient for the receipt thereof and Jno: ffeild shall Comply wth: w^{t}: order'd thereto as to Him in ℘ticular.

Concerning ye: 8 ℘ cent abatemt: & ye: Investmt: of ye: Romalls.

The last contract of Romalls was made by the late Agent & Councell in this ffactory the 21st: March 1679: less of w^{ch}: price being 25 pag^{os}: ℘Corge the 1st: Muster & 23½: the second y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: of this ffactory will not Consent to abate anything Considering the [8th: ℘.] Cent abatem^{t}: thereon w^{ch}: is y^{e}: Reason neither [...] any Contract made for the goods.

Promisse a Comply with: the Compas: order about dismissing their Servants.

We observe on w^{t}: ℘ticular cases the Honble: Comp^{a}: give order to dismiss their serv^{ts}: their imploym^{ts}; & shall be Carefull not to be guilty thereof.

& of their Complying wth: ye: Agents Commission & Instructions.)

A Coppy of the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Agents Commission and his Commission & Instructions we have ℘used & shall punctually comply therewith as far as Concernes us.

Why acct: of the Tonnage att Metchlepm: was not sent to the bay.

We have not bin able by the Bengall Merch^{ts}: to give advice to the Bay w^{t}: Tonnage we shall procure here haveing not then Compleated the Contract wth: our Merch^{ts}: but shall guess att it to them by the next Ships having little Hopes of Contracting for much more then w^{t}: we have allready done.

Hopes of makeing Ellour Carpetts.

Our Merch^{ts}: will not understand y^{e}: makeing any Ellore Carpetts but we hope in a few dayes to find some other ℘ son that will do itt.

No bale of ℘cullis No: 9 went from ye: Bay.

It shall be our endeavours w^{t}: possible to gett in the old debts of this ffactory but they are so desperate that we are in little hopes of success therein.

We have not had time to peruse or search for the Coppy of Invoices sent Home by the George but haveing enquired of the ffactory Bramenies concerning

that bale of Percullis N^{o}: 9: who assures us there was none of that numb^{r}: y^{t}: went from Hence.

About the Pettopolee Mercht: not fitt to be imployed. 20000 pag for Madapollam ffactory deliverd to Mr: Davis.

We have some dayes since sent for the Pettopolee Merchants who when they arrived shall discourse ỹ but wish all observe that Caution how we trust them neither do we esteem the ꝑ sons to be imployed yett shall make use of ỹ: so far as to try by a seeming to Imploy them if we cannot bring our Merch^{ts}: to y^{e}: undertakeing those goods they now refuse.

According to your directions we have delivered to M^{r}: Davis and his Councell att Madapollam 20000 pag^{os}; new wth: other goods and treasure enordered in y^{e}: Invoice.

After much difficulty & Sev^{ll}: dayes spent in discourse we have Contracted wth: our Merch^{ts}: Viz.

Sallampore	10000 P^{s}:
Pettopolee Percullis	8000 P^{s}:
Book Percullaes	4000 p^{s}:
Izzarees	3000 p^{s}:
Oringall Betteelees	15000 p^{s}:
Alligaes	10000 p^{s}:
Golcandah bettelees	3000 p^{s}:
More one the Faulcon Musters	
Sallampoores of 27: pag: ꝑ Corge	1200 p^{s}:
D^{o}: of 28th: pag: ꝑ Corge	1200 p^{s}:
By w^{ch}: y^{o}: will ꝑceive they fail in Viz:	
Pettopolee ꝑ cullaes	4000 p^{s}:
Alligaes	2000 p^{s}:
Cummins & stick Lack.	

Concerning the proceedings of the Investmt: & Contract att Metchlepatam.

As to y^{e}: Alligaes & ꝑcullis they declare they would willingly provide them, but that the time of the year is far spent & by Contract made wth: them by the Agent & Councell March 1679: should have the Investm^{t}: given them in Aprill whereas nothing hath bin told them thereof till now and Madapollam Merch^{t}: have bin upon their buisiness sometime, the same they say as to y^{e}: Sailcloth and for what they faile in the aforementioned goods, as for the book ꝑcullaes of 20 pag^{s}: ꝑ corge sent home by the ffaulcō they disown they any of that Sort neither do we find any such thing mentioned in the books of this ffactory they have brought in [2] p^{s}: of musters w^{ch}: we esteem to be dear & Very little bett^{r}: then those of 15 ꝑCorge however have Sent to you for y^{r}: approbation or Reception for the Dungarees the musters formerly were 7 of a yard broad for the late Agent & Councell had agreed wth: them for 7 pag ꝑ Corge & 8 ꝑ C^{t}: abatem^{t}: thereon the Merch^{ts}: will not undertake to make them full yard broad we pay 1 pag: in a Corge more so that they ly in a suspence till further order neither will they undertake the full quantity at for stick lack there is non to be had & those Sorts of goods being provided in these parts, we suppose y^{e}: Madapollam Merch^{ts}: no more Capable to procure any however w^{t}: the Pettopollee Merch^{ts}: arrive if we See then we can do good shall accquaint M^{r}: Davis & att Madapollam wherein our Merch^{ts}: fail that they may try what they can do there: our Merch^{ts}: have likewise brought us in some musters of [Chints] and Cummins but the Chints not ffitt to be sent Home to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: they have promised in two or three dayes to bring in bett^{r}: but for thô the Cummins the musters they bring in far short of those the Comp^{a}: sent out 3 years since neither will they undertake to make any according to those Musters att or near the price they sett upon them so that we wholly laid y^{m}: aside.

No abatemt. can be made att Metchlep: but a promise of keeping the Merchts: up to their Musters.

As to y^{e}: Prices of the aforesaid good contracted for wth: our Merchants we can procure no abatement they declareing the late Agent and Councell brought them as low as may be and that they had Hopes this year of haveing a greater allowance we shall be Carefull to keep them up to musters, and where they faile to make an abatem^{t}:

We had much difficulty wth: our Merchts: concerning the Silver and the most we can att lenght bring them to, is this to take now 18000 Pago: & att the returne of the Rt: Worsp: ye: Agent & Councell answer if they shall approve thereof they will take the 5 Chest of Silver att 5 pago: ¾ ꝑ seer and wt: shall be wanting to make up ⅜ to be pd: in Pago: and the remaining part of the silver to be paid them att ye: the same rate att the Conclusion of the Investmt:

We shall endeavour to gett in the money wanting in Cash att Mr: Wynns decease as also wt: we can find of Mr: Ayloffs estate some papers of His we have here in this ffactory but suppose of little Concernment by being kept here so long but have not yet ꝑused any and some of ỹ some of us remember are very unseemly writeings more relateing to his past occaisons then estate if yett remaining among those Here, however if your Worsp̃: &ca: think Convenient shall send as we find them.

The Governr: of this town Since our being here have sent twice to the Cheife that He would come to give Him a Visitt intimateing wth: all that he has had no present from the former Cheif and we have ꝑused yours to Mr: Sammuell Wailes & Mr: George Ramsden wherein you give liberty for a present to be given to Him, we have thought fitt to send Him word yt: we shall in a day or two waite upon Him att His house thereby the further engage him to a ffreindship and wn: we find Him inclinable shall present Him wth: as much frugality as Possible understanding Him to have bin Very abusive hitherto and Heartily wish to find better for ye: future.

We have not farther to add but respectfully remaine

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:
Your very humble: Servts:
Jno: ffeild.
Vinct: Sayon.
Rob: Freeman.
Timo: Harris.

Postscipt. [sic.] A Ship arrived in Metchlepa: road.

Upon Concluding the above, appeared a ship in Sight wth: English Coulours wch: Yesterday anchored in this road and this morning ye: Capt: came ashore who brought us a Packquett wherein was Contained your Genll: of the 5th: Augst: &ca: papers according to List to wch: Genll: we shall in a few dayes give answer & tomorrow morning send off a boat for the treasure when recd: ashoar Shall immediately dispatch the ship for Bengall.

We had allmost forgott to advise you that wt: Merchts: bid for the silver is 1/16 more then the Bazar Price itt being fallen to 5 pag: [ꝑseer?]:

Jno: Ffeild.
Vinct: Sayon.
Robt: Freeman.
Timo: Harris.

To ye: Rt: Worspll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
Agent & Governr: &ca: Councell.

Our last unto you was of the 15th: Currant wherein we gave you an acct: how far we have proceeded on this years Investmt: Coppy of wch: we now send herewth: your Genll: of the 5th: and 3d: Currant wth: accompanying papers, and Invoices we have recd: the former the 12th: Currant ꝑ golden ffleece and the latter the 20th: ꝑ ship Cœsar by both whom we have recd: pagos: 35,000 &ca: goods according to Invoice for wch: and wt: Consigned ꝑ the Bengall Mercht: we shall give your accot: Currant Creditt in our books the 23rd: Currant arrived Here Samll: Wales, wth: the abovementioned Treasure and this day summon'd the Merchts and have delivered to them for carrying on the Investmt: Pagos: 33,127:

fan : 5 : cash 4 : in part of their $\frac{2}{3}$ds : wch amounts Pagos : 62235 : 9 : 4 : having the 8th : Currant pd : them pag : 18,000 and for the remainder shall deliver them 5 Chests of silver, wch : we shall have recd : your orders concerning itt.

We cannot possibly retrench the Charge of this ffactory itt being no more then wt : is absolutely necessary haveing now a far greater Investmt : to make then formerly good part of our peons being imployed in the Countrey to clear the Compas : goods wch : often meets wth : stoppages therefore cannot disband any if we should the ffactory would be destitute of what itt requiers to secure the Compas : Interest.

About the Charges of Madapolla : ffactory they cannot be retrenched.

The 17th : Currant we dispatched sloop Metchlepa : for Bengall and according to your orders sent on Her Mr : Roger Edwards Master who fell down the River, the same day & gott well over the Barr the 18th : by wm : we advised the Worspll : Mathias Vincent &ca : of wt: Tonnage according to our Contract wth : the Merchts: we expected Here wch : will be about 340 or 350 Tunns.

The sloop Metchlepa falling down the River & of advising to the Bay wt: Tonnage procureable att Madapollam.

We have examined bookes Lettr : [F: wch : is] all att pr : sent in [. . .] Dr : upon them for any thing nor any Verasheroone debts Charged to the Comp Accot : in these books, but as soon as Mr : Fleetwood shall arrive Here whom we expect dayly, & shall have dellivered up wt : other books &ca : Papers belonging to this ffactory we shall examine them & shall give you a full acct : in our next.

We are in great want of Scarlett Here wch : we expected a supply off by the ships, but finding none we presume, to remind you off itt desireing you will please to order the Cheif &ca : att Metchlepatam to furnish us wth : 12 halfs ps: of wt: they can spare as also 50 sword blades & 10 looking glasses, for wch : we shall have occasion for presents the Countrey Governr: being now in expectation of them wch : we must send as soon as Possible otherwise they will Hinder the Compas : buisiness from going on wch : we shall prevent and forward to our power and be as frugall in our Piscashes to them as we can.

The want of Scarlett [Sword] blades looking Glasses &ca : for Presents.

We have accordingly to your orders the 18th : Currt . advised Mr : Jno : ffeild &ca : Councell that we shall fall short of wt : required by the Worspll : Agent &ca : to be provided Here 2000 ps : ordinary Long Cloth & 2000 ps : white Ginghams desireing them to accquaint their Merchts : therewth : and if possibly to make up our want therewth : they advised us the 23rd : Currt : they could not Comply wth :

Concerning the advise from Madapollam to [Metchlepatam ?] of the long Cloth & ginghams.

The 20th : Currt : we recd : a Lettr : from Jno : ffeild &ca : Councell of the 18th: ditto wherein they advised us of sevll : goods wanting by them of wt : required to be provided there immediately upon receipt of itt : we Summoned our Merchts : & acquainted them wth : the Contents, and the greatest prejudice that would redound to the Company in default of them who after two Howres debate jointly delivered in their Resolutions that they could not provide any thing of them ye : Season of the year being so far spent & haveing allready Contracted for so Considerable a quantity of goods for this ffactory wch: they are doubtfull [. . .] What the accomptant advises of goods short packet here for England Anno 1679 ℣ ships Golden Fleece and George were packed by Samll: Wales then Warehousekeeper [who] Hath in his own defence delivered in a Paper to the Councell, Concerning wch : they now remitt you.

The Madapoll : Merchts: refuse to assist the Metchlepa Merchts : in wt: wanting there:

About the goods that was packed short and sent to England.

We have herewth : sent Mr: Jno: ffeild &ca: Councell Consultations & Diary wth: Jno: Clarkes acct: of expences of the same Ultimo: whose acct: Cash Shall follow as soon as delivered to wch: Humbly entreat you to be reserved.

Mr : Jno : ffeilds Consultations Dyary &ca : wth : Jno : Clarkes acct : of expences sent.

Jno: Davis gives your Worspll : &ca: Councell His humble: thanks for His Honour of Confirming on Him the Cheife of Madapollam in wch: [by God's

assistance he shall endeavour to discharge His duty to your Satisfactions this being needfull att present to advise we respectfully remain.

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:
Yor: very humble: Servts:

Jno: Davis
Samll: Wales.
George Ramsden.
James Wheeler.

Mr: Wales answer to the Accompts: papers Concerning goods packt up here shall Come by the next.

ID: J. D.
„ S. W.
„ G. R.
„ J. W

To Ye Rt: Worspll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
Agent & Governr: of Fort St: George &ca:
Councell.

Metchlep
Genl: Augst: 30th: }
Recd: ditto 11 } 1681
Answered ditto 15 }

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:

We have recd: yours of the 5th: & 8th: Instant whose Contents we observe wth: the receipt of all the Treasure from Capt: Cook & Goods & Treasure from the Cœsar since wch: we dispatched [. . .] Instant by wm: & the Cœzar the 21th: Instant we advised the Cheife & Councell of the Bay how much Tonnage we shall be able: to lade upon them the ℘ticulars whereof we remitt to yr: Worspll: &ca:

Sallampores ps: each bale	... 150	makes Bales:	83
Percollaes	... 300		34
Book Percollaes	... 350		12
Izzarees	... 200		15
Oringall Beteelees	... 200		75
Alligaes	... 100		105
Golcandah Bettelees	... 300		10
Dungarees	... 100		112
		Bales:—	454

Att 4 bales by each Tonnage one wth: another is: 113: ½ Tonnage besides the Carpett & Some saile Cloth wch: we are endeavouring to procure we Hope will Compleat 120 Tonns wch: we advis'd the Cheife and Councell of the Bay we shall be able to lade from hence, we come to reply to yours of the 5th: Instant.

We have & shall endeavour wt: possibly we can to dispose of our Europe goods wch: we Hope to effect in some part before more comes, and for the silver, we gave your Worspll: &ca: an acct: how we agreed wth: the Mercht: to take itt may be well lookt upon to be well disposed of the Bazar price being now 5 pag: ⅝: as may please to observe in our last Genll.

We have much solicited the getting in the money wanting in Cash taken thence by Mr: Wynn deceased & have an order from Mr: Wales, his trust to the Value of 2,200 pags: frõ: a debtor herewth: will be dew [*sic*] in few dayes, besides the produce of his outcry wch: will near Satisfie his debts ye: wanting part shall be as speedily gott in wn: we know where to have effects to pay upon Receipt: of wch: we shall give you Speedy advice.

[. . . . .] Gen^{ll}: List off goods Sent us and endeavour'd to comply therewth: for w^{ch}: purpose we wrote our ffreinds att Madapollam w^{t}: sorts we wanted & Sent them our Musters to try w^{n}: they from Madapollam wrote us a Lett^{r}: that their Merch^{ts}: could not procure ordinary long cloth and Gingham we sent for our Merch^{ts}: to know w^{t}: they would doe, but refusing the undertakeing any more doubting their complyance of w^{t}: they had engaged for allready yett our endeavours are dayly to reduce the Merch^{ts}: both as to the Quantities and goodnes of the Cloth as our Merch^{ts}: require & tho we have but little to say to the Cloth, being 2 ℘ cent worse of late yeares then formerly we do for our own parts Hope that ours, this years Sortm^{t}: may prove so successfull to us to deserve the name of good and faithfull Servants.

The Metchlepatam Merchts: deny assisting those att Madapollam in procureing long cloth & Gingham &ca.

We have enquired into Metchl^{ep}: books about M^{r}: Cholmlys debt of Pag: 16: 8 & we do find that his acc^{t}: y^{e}: 1 Aprill 16$\frac{7}{7}\frac{8}{9}$ is Creditted by John ffeild of the s^{d}.: Sum w^{ch}: he affirmes & that he expended itt for the Honble: Comp^{as}: acc^{t}: as will appear ℘ his acc^{t}: in y^{e}: books. The Metchlep^{m}: books Lett^{r}: R & S: does plainly make appear M^{r}: Rattcliffs debt, & the reason of his [new] paym^{t}: dureing John ffeilds, then remaining Here. 2^{d}: will appear att the ffoot of the Journall Lett^{r} F: for what reason y^{t}: acc^{t}: hath not since bin Concluded, we know not Thomas Rattcliff is allready deceased & Peter Rattcliff is gone Home to England So that we know not of whom to demand the debt

We find in Metchlep̄: books Lett^{r}: S: M^{r}: Jearsey to be Charged the sum you mention being pag: 138: 13: for Paddy Rice and Mortavanjarrs being part of ships Recovery, ffreight from Pegu, and John ffeild well Remembers that w^{n}: He was enordered to make up bookes, Lett^{r}: S: for this ffactory it was agreed on by M^{r}: Hatton & Councell that the ship [should...D^{r}] for all Charges Credited by acc^{t}: ℘ticulars disposed of Her ffreight althô to the owners of the ship that so the Ship might be clear'd of Her Charges, & if any Remaine left to her Creditt y^{e}: part owners then to have itt w^{ch}: appear'd to be pag: 3: 14: 1 as on Ball: of books Lett^{r}: T: and so vested for the reasons before given Concerning M^{r}: Rattcliff.

We observe the objection you make about the stateing M^{r}: ffleetwoods acc^{t}: in y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: books of Madapollam w^{ch}: was done by M^{r}: Hatton neither do we ℘ceive any error therein if y^{r}: Worsp^{l}: &c^{a}: please to give any ℘ticular directions how you would have it rectified shall be speedily done.

Concerning the stateing Mr: ffleetwoods Acct:

Those debts of Gruah the Washermen in Metchlep̄a: books we presume will never be recovered their Relations being extreemly poop [*sic*] we shall therefore observe y^{r}: orders in discharging them by profitts, & loss as we shall do about the makeing no ffractions in our Cash acc^{t}: .

The debts of Washermen Supposed can never be recovered.

We have enquired about the wanting goods by the George & Fleece att w^{ch}: time M^{r}: Maurice Wynn had the Charge of the Warehouse he being dead there is no more besides y^{e}: ffactory brameny that can give any acc^{t}: thereof and he sayes the Contents were according to Invoice we have likewise acquainted M^{r}: Wales about y^{e}: 8 p^{s}: Izzarees wanting by his Tickett w^{ch}: we presume he will give answer to your Worsp̄: &c^{a}: about itt.

Off the want of goods by the George and ffleece.

We take notice of the abstract of w^{t}: you have Consigned to us this year w^{ch}: we shall observe to Charge to the Creditt of acc^{t}: Currant Fort S^{t}: George & shall as we have hitherto done endeavour the timely Investm^{t}: thereof that we may have all ready for the golden ffleece & Bengall Merch^{t}· at their returne from Bengall.

Promise of endeavouring the timely Investmt: of mony &ca: sent to Metchlepatam.

We have informed oureselves about the price of Coroll [...... w^{ch}: they] will not give more then fourty pag^{os} for the smallest of itt w^{ch}: is much the greatest Quantity & 80 pag^{os}: for the largest w^{ch}: we presume will not exceed 50 pag^{o}: ℘ maund one wth: the other there being few persons here that trade in itt or understand itt.

The price of Corall will not exceed 40 pago: for ye: smallest & 80 pago: for ye: largest.

If Tho: Gee comes this way we shall endeavour to return him to you to receive the punishm^{t} due for his Crime.

Promise of returning Thô: Gee to ya: ffort.

About ye: entertainment of ye: Governr: made & his Information yt: a Moore Claimed part of ye: ffactory ground. off his refusall of takeing his present delaying wth: sevll: pretences.

Since we wrote last to your Worspl: &ca: we made a Visitt to ye: Governr: of this Place who treated us wth: the usuall Civilities of a suppr: & other entertainmt: accustomary & amongst the rest of his discourses he informed us that a Certaine Moore had laid Claime to a good part of ye: ground of our ffactory, but as yet he hath appeared we hope he will give us no more trouble if he does tis much to be feared will Cost some small matter of money the Governr: hath not yet come to his ffactory to receive his ꝑsent but wn: he does we fear he will require 250 pag: for his hinderance to Capt: Alleys buisiness more yn: ordinary wch: he refused the takeing of itt wn: it was sent by the Dubash returning for answer that wn: he came to receive the ꝑsent for the King he would take yt: also, but still defers his Comeing on pretence of sickness.

We have agreed wth: the Pettopolee Merchts: for to provide 500 ps: Alligaes & 2,200 ps: Percollis, and Sent our own people to secure any bad debts, ye: batty & Charges the Mercht: must pay we hope they will give Such encouragemt: yt: they may for the future be trusted wth: more our Mercht: here beginning to impose upon us & Contrary to ye: [Contract?] made by Agent Masters they will provide but wt: goods they please wch: in time may hazard ye: effecting ye: Honble: Compas: Investmt: we moreover give out pag: [60,] towards the providing ye: Ellour Carpetts but there are people that can give no more Security then the [...].

We have Sevll: People yt: have desired our passes for ships & boats wch: we desire you would Informe or that neither we may give them Immediately from us or that you would be pleased to send us down ye: blanke passes to be filled up as occasions serves, the denying them wholly will Lessen the esteem of the English here and make us slighted.

Mr: ffeilds intent of Journey to Madapoll: to deliver the remaines of that ffactory to Mr: Jno: Davis.

John ffeild intends God willing now the Heat of the buisiness is over to Journey to Madapollam to deliver up ye: Remaines of that ffactory to Mr: Jno: Davis & to returne in few dayes back againe we call not less [*sic*] to mind att ꝑrsent but remaine.

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:

Your Very humble: Serv :

Jno: ffeild.
Vincent Sayon.
Robt: ffreeman.

Mr: Timo: Harris went some few days since att Madapoll sick of a feaver where he still remaines.

To ye: Rt: Worspll: Wm: Gyfford, Esqr: Agent & Governr: &ca: Councell

Madapollm: ye: 17th: 7br, Recd: ditto 27: } 1,681.

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:

Our last unto you was of the 28th ultmo: accompanying wth: Jno: ffeilds &ca: a dyary Consultations, Jno: Clarks acct: of expences for the moth: of July wch: we hope have gained your reception we now remitt you herewth: our Diary Consultation acct: of Cash for the mth: of July & Samuell Wales answer to wt: ye: Accompt: adviseth to all wch: we humbly entreat you to be referred.

The Sloop Madapollam being not yett Compleated and ye: Season of the Year far Spent, we Cannot possibly gett [...] this Monsoon for the Bay without apparant danger, the two new sloops last year dispatch thence ye: 1st: Septembr: are both miscarryed Mr: Bavatt hath daily been imployed to gett her in a readiness and also ye: former who humbly requests to know wt: you please to allow Him for wages, he having as yett recd: but 10 pag: to supply Necessary occasiõ thought hath bin imployed ever since Aprill last haveing his diett att the table.

We have examined the books of this ffactory and find Mr: Fleetwood to stand indebted in books Lettr: Dr: for the ba.: of his acct: pago: 3061: 2: 3

w^{ch}: was Credited by ffactory [*a word lost*] Metchlepatam his debt being Carryed into their books by order of M^{r}: Hatton then Cheif.

The Cloth from our Merch^{ts}: to this day Viz^{t}:

Longcloth ordinary	p^{s}: 8606
D^{o}: ffine	780
Ginghams...	2417
Sallampore ffine	615
D^{o}: Ordinary.	1926

All w^{ch}: sent to y^{e}: Washers & rec^{d}: from them Viz:

Long cloth ordinary p^{s}: 4470 in bales	149
Ginghams ... ...p^{s}: 1475: in bales	59
embaled	208 ba:

The 7th: Instant M^{r}: W^{m}: Barrow departed this life who came over in the interloper Ship Commerce Capt: Alley who hath left no overseer to looke after his Concernes therefore the Councell ordered James Wheeler to take an acc^{t}: of them intending to bring them publick Outcry wherefore desire y^{r}: Worspé: &c^{a}: order for the disposall of the Produce.

There is noe Verasheroone debts standing on the books of this ffactory therefore if any formerly suppose they may have written of as [desperate] debts thô: some gentu papers there be w^{ch}: are not yet examined by reason of our [Bramenys . . .] w^{ch}: w^{n}: done Shall give you an acc^{t}: thereof we had bin more Speedy in dispatching our acc^{ts}: towards you but where dayly in expectation of Lett^{r}: from y^{e}: ffort w^{ch}: made us defere itt.

We have often pressed ye Merch^{ts}: to y^{e}: Speedy dispatch of the Investm^{t}: putting them in mind of the great quantity of goods they have Contracted for who Suddenly expect a great Supply out of the Countrey & from the washers w^{ch}: w^{n}: Rec^{d}: shall Hasten to be Cured & as we receive itt from the Washers Shall go on wth: Sorting & baleing entreating you to beleeve our dilligence Shall not be wanting w^{ch}: is all att present offers frome

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}.

Your Very hum^{ble}: Servt:

John Davis.

Sam^{ll}: Wales.

George Ramsden.

James Wheeler.

Translate of a Lett^{r}: from our Brameny Chendrah Shacariah from Porto Novo to y^{e}: R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esqr: Govern^{r}.

Dated 19: Sep^{br}: 1681.

I have rec^{d}: y^{e}: lett^{r}: your Worsp^{l}: sent me last and observed y^{e}: Contents thereof and have according to y^{r}: Worsp^{ll}: order writt to y^{e}: Soubedar Gopalldargee Pontulo att Large and delivered [y^{e}] Lett^{r}: to y^{e}: Soubedars Brother Vitage Pontalo and y^{e}: Harcarah Custuriah w^{ch}: was sent together wth: their Lett^{rs}. to Gopalldargee Pontulo the army being att Mubuvah and the second time Came to Tunenamalah w^{ch}: two answers sent me to y^{e}: lett^{rs}: I writt him and his own lett^{r}: in answer to y^{r}: Worsp̄: I herewth: send you & w^{n}: y^{o}: have gott them read you will understand the buisiness w^{n}: the s^{d}: Soubedar was upon his departure from hence towards the Camp told me that he would wth: out faile help us in our buisiness, but that I should write to y^{r}: Worsp^{l}: to send such p^{r}: sent as may please Harjerajah, and His wife and Himself concerning w^{ch}: I wrot to your Worsp^{l}: before & about the same buisiness he writ to me again to put

The receipt of a lett^{r}: acknowledged.

Concerning Chendarah Shacariah writing lett^{r}. to y^{e}: Soubedars Gopalldargee about y^{e}: Govern^{rs}: buisiness.

Presents to be made. The Cowle that was sent read before yᵉ: great Soubedar yᵉ: objects of letting any of the sea ports att farme. The Management of the buisiness referred to yᵉ: Governr:

your Worsp: in mind, and sent me a lettʳ: privately concerning itt wᶜʰ: I remitt you herewᵗʰ: and that he hath acquainted yᵉ: great Soubedar of our affaires as much as he could Conveniently as a ℘son Very ambitious of yʳ: ffreindship & that yʳ: buisiness should come to a good effect, he hath taken a Coppy of a Cowle your Worspˡ: has sent and Read yᵉ: same before the great Soubedar, who it seems gave in an answer, that he could not lett us have any of the sea ports att farme as we have formerly desired them as for other ℘ticulars mentioned in the sᵈ: Cowle there are but small things that he objects against & therefore may itt please your Worspˡˡ: to Consider how this buisiness must be managed for the future and wᵐ: to send hither & of wᵗ: presents to send to every one here according to their places, for your Worsp: knows best wᵗ: to doe in itt, the sᵈ: Soubedar writt [...] times to Come to him but Since I have no order from yʳ: Worsp: to do itt I refused going, So be pleased to lay yʳ: Commands upon me.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTᴿ: FROM GOPALLDARGEE PONTULO Yᴱ: SOUBEDAR OF PORTO NOVO FROM CHEENGE TO Yᴱ: Rᵀ: WORSPᴸᴸ: Wᴹ: GYFFORD ESQᴿ:

DATED 20ᵀᴴ: SEPTEMᴮᴿ:

To yᵉ: date hereof I enjoy good Heath [*sic*] and shall be Very glad to heare yᵉ: like from your Worspˡ: wⁿ: I was upon my departure to goe towards the army I delever'd a Letter to yᵉ: Higib Chandrah Shecariah to be sent to yᵉ. Worspˡ: the Contents of wᶜʰ: & by wᵗ: I suppose your Higib hath written att Large yʳ: Worspˡ: is by that made sensible of the buisiness. Since the writeing of wᶜʰ: I departed frō thence & went as farr as Jagadeos Countrey to a Place call'd Vaneambado where I have recᵈ; advise that the army yᵗ: was att Ballaperam was Come to Cololah & being going from Veneambado to Cololah to Visitt the Nague Jagam recᵈ: advice in the way that Harjerajah had recᵈ: orders from Shembojemaharajah, the Contents of wᶜʰ: is as follows viz: saying that whereas that Shamagenague, had acted Contrary to yᵉ: Maharagees order yᵗ: he should be put out of Place & be imprisoned and that Hargerajah should have the Charge & Governmᵗ: of all the Countreys & ffortified Places, unto wᵐ: he hath likewise sent Tasheriffs Horses & Jewells & haveing likewise sent sevˡˡ: lettʳˢ: to all his Soubedars & Governʳ: of his Country & forts Commanding all of them to obey Harjerajah in wᵗ: he shall appoint them & Maharajah hath Sent me a lettʳ: ℘ticular to yᵉ: Same purpose to Harjerajah according to Maharajahs order hath imprisoned Shamagenague & he acts in the Governmᵗ: of yᵉ: Countrey & I being going to Visitt Harjerajah he was then come to a place Called Molevah there I went & visitted him from whence, the army and all were Come to Terrunamalah where I have [. . . .] itt a wholl day for an oppertunity and have acquainted Harjerajah wᵗʰ: yʳ: Worspˡˡ: buisiness and told Him that the English were great men and that if your People should come and make a settlemᵗ: and have trade and Merchandize in the Maharajee seaports it would be a great increasmᵗ: of the place and Very advantagious to the Divan having spoken many other things in your Worspˡˡ: behalf as much as possibly I could on purpose to effect your buisiness and after Harjerajah had heard my discourse he was well pleased wᵗʰ: itt and answered me As thô: he hath bin half willing saying that I should gett the English to send a noble Higib to come to Visitt him & he will take Notice & Consider of the buisiness he shall acquaint him wᵗʰ: and that yⁿ: he will grant wᵗ: he shall think fitt off: wherefore I thought fitt to acquaint your Worsp wᵗʰ: these things Concerning wᶜʰ: I would not have your Worsp: to delay time but to send your Second as soon as possible you can to Harjerajah and to send him such presents as may be suitable for him to receive as from a person of your Quality that to your buisiness may be brought to a good end your Worspˡˡ: being a great ℘son I will omitt the farther trouble of enlargeing uponⁿ itt I therefore referr you to your Worspᵉ: Higibs Lettʳ: to Informe your Worspˡ: of the rest & be pleased to lay your farther Commands upon me to acqᵗ: me of your Health.

Concerning Harjerajah takeing Charge of yᵉ Governmᵗ: of yᵉ: Countrey.

Gopalldargee going to Harjerajah & discoursing wth: him about yᵉ English affair es.

Harjerajah seems willing to grant yᵉ: English, Liberty of makeing a settlemt: on his seaport.

An Higib to be sent to Harjerajah.

TRANSLATE OF A PRIVATE LETTR: FROM GOPALDARGEE PONTULO, YE: SOUBEDAR OF PORTO NOVO FROM CHANGEE TO OUR BRAMENY CHANDRAH SHACARIAH. NO DATE.

I sent you a lettr: ℘ ticularly wn: you have read ye: same you will understand [. . . ent] thereof according to the private discourse we have had if you should bring wt: you promised for his Excellency Harjerajah & myself then all buisiness will be ended wth: out wch: empty words will prove Ineffectuall & now haveing made you sensible of itt you know what to write to your Master Concerning the same to gett all the buisiness there ready so soon as he Can & to gett your Master to send his second hither to visitt the Cheif Soubedar you must not faile in wt: you told me, Send Achembotluh to Chinepatam & come you hither. Concerning Gopaldargee discourses wth: Chandrah Shecariah about settling of a ffactory.

TRANSLATE OF A LETR: FROM GOPALDARGEE PONTULO THE SOUBEDAR OF PORTO NOVO BRAMENY CHENDRAH SHACARIAH.

By the lettr: you sent (by Achembotluh) I understand your meaning, & before the arrivall of your lettr: I writt to Vitolo pontulo to send yo: hither to ye: Camp wth: all expedition & wn: he shall send for you & give you notice thereof you will understand ye: buisiness I have discours't Harjerajah Concerning ye: affaires & have writt ye: Same to your Governr: the Cheif Soubedar doth very much press me to Come to my own Countrey, & I am now force't to stay here longer about your affaires & therefore make noe delay but write to your Governr: to send such pr: sents as are Suitable to his Quality since you have waited here all this while endeavour to manage ye: buisiness as to have a good end and for to obtaine an honour thereby, I have sent you herewth: a Coppy of the Lettr: I writt to your Governr: & I would have yo: write to him accordingly and gett him to send his Second hither wth: all Convenient Speed for I am very desireous to help & to your buisiness ended & therefore I [. . .] you write to your Master so soon as Possibly you can, & to gett him to Send his 2d: hither you may send Achemabotluh to Chinepatam that he may come hither to Chingee along wth: the ℘ son ye: Governr: sends & do you come hither likewise for I shall stay here till you come you must make hast to come hither. The manner of Gopalldargees proceedings in the procureing Liberty for settling a ffactory att Porto Novo.

TRANSLATE OF A LETR: FROM GOPALLDARGEE PONTULO TO OUR BRAMENY CHANDRAH SHACARIAH NO DATE.

I have recd: both your lettr: & Casturiahs and have observed their Contents I have acquainted his Excellency Harjerajah of yr: affairs who ordered me to send for you hither wherefore pray Come to Cheengee for I shall stay here untill you Come wherefore on Sight of this my Lettr: come you hither to Chenge & make no delay and whereas you should write to yor: Governr: to send his Second hither to Visit his Excellency, the Soubedar & if he be come allready bring him hither to Visitt his Excellency, and upon his default doe you come hither wth: such prsents & state as you think will be Convenient, that you may make an end of your buisiness as you think Needfull. Gopall darge orders Chandrah Shecariah to Come to Chengee.

TRANSLATE OF A LIST CONCERNING OUR BRAMENY CHANDRAH SHECARIAH : MOTHLY : WAGES.

Viz:—for ye: moth of July anno 1681 to the moth: of 7br: Anno 1681 makes 14 moths: wch: att Pagos: ℘ [meñs: amog] to 56 pag: whereof I recd: ye: 22th:

July 1680	P. [. . .]	,,	,,
In Aug: 80	[. . .]	,,	,,
In Septembr: 1680	[3]	,,	,,
In Novembr: 1680	3	,,	,,
In Decembr: 1680	4	,,	,,
In ffebruary 8⁄1	2	,,	,,
In March	10	,,	,,
In Aprill	4	,,	,,
In May	$2\frac{7}{8}$	,,	,,
	[. . .]	,,	,,

Remaines still due to me on acc^{t} : of my wages $17\frac{1}{8}$ Pag^{o} : w^{ch} : together wth : w^{t} : I rec^{d} : makes up the sum of 56 : Pag^{o} : in June last the Govern^{r} : haveing by the Soubedars request sent a pass for his Vessell w^{ch} : was Intended to be sent to bring [Chanke] but the Vessell not going, the soubedar refused the Paym^{ent} : of 3 Pag^{o} : w^{ch} : I was ordered to receive here.

To y^{E} : R^{T} : Worsp^{LL} : W^{M} : Gyfford Esq^{R} : Agent & Govern^{R} : of ffort S^{T} : George &c^{A} : Councell.

Metchlep : 21th : 7^{br} : 1681.

R^{t} : Worsp : S^{r} : &c^{a} : Rec : oct^{BR} 3 : 1681.

Concerning y^{e} : silver att Metch-lepatam & the Mercht : discourses about takeing itt off.

The 16th : Currant we rec^{d} : yours of the 5th : ditto, upon w^{ch} : we againe summon'd o^{r} : Merch^{ts} : & have used the uttmost of our endeavours wth : them to give a greater Price for the Silver telling them as formerly, so now again twas Customary for them to give more then the Bazar rates for itt but they still ℘sist in y^{e} : old Story Since the abatem^{t} : of y^{e} : 8th : ℘c^{t} : they have had no Silver Imposed upon ỹ & likewise w^{n} : they made the Contract wth : us for 5 pag : $\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ Seer it was then but 5 Pag : $\frac{5}{8}$ & Silver then dayly falling and had itt fallen to ℘ pag : they had bin engaged to take itt att 5 Pag^{o} : $\frac{6}{8}$: & therefore, thô it be now raised $\frac{1}{16}$ more they know no reason why they Should exceed what they proffered neither will they do itt, & would also oblige us that the other half of the Silver Shall att the end of y^{e} Investm^{t} : be delivered at the same rate & we have [strictly] ℘ used w^{t} : you write & the stress of all is only to prevent the Hinderan[c]e of the Investm^{t} : we finding we have Pag^{o} : enough to make up the $\frac{2}{3}$^{d} : have Concluded to lett y^{e} : Silver lye till y^{r} : further order or w^{t} : we can bring our Merch^{ts} : to bett^{r} : termes.

The Merchts : will not undertake the providing us of Percollas.

We have rec^{d} : y^{e} : Musters of Percullaes you return us but the Merch^{ts} : will not undertake y^{e} : makeing of [. .] althô they would give them their demands of 20 Pag ℘ Corge much Complaining of y^{e} : lateness of y^{e} : year and the Weavors preimployed both by the Madrass & MadapollamMerch^{ts} : and for that reason, will not undertake any more then w^{t} : formerly advised except the Dungarees much insisting upõ y^{e} : Madapollam Merch^{ts} : being imploy'd before them, itt is true Jno : ffeild being Cheif there used his endeav^{rs} : Carrying the affaires of that ffactory as was his duty and to that end did issue out money upon Interest, & whereas he had no orders w^{t} : ℘ticular goods to provide, gave y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : order for the provision of ordinary Longcloth Ginghams & ordinary Sallampores wth : some small quantity of fine goods such as he knew the Comp^{a} : allwayes required and was Satisfied wth : in himself they would still Continue & why the same was not done here wee know not except accasion'd by the Mortality of y^{e} : Cheif there not in that power probably not dared to act therein wth out orders however by your ℘ mission we shall endeavour against the next year to order our affaires so y^{t} : y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{a} : shall not of the Investm^{t} : they required but now the time is so short & the fear we have of Imploying those ℘sons not yet known to us we cannot possibly do more y^{n} : w^{t} : we have done.

Promise of not faileing ye Investmt : next year tho' not able to Compleat this.

In our last we acquainted you how far we have procured wth the Pettopollee Merch^{ts} : & have since Procured some others to try [w^{t}] they can do towards the provision of sailecloth upon the first Muster we find to be good & are informed by the Serv^{ts} : of this ffactory (the only ℘sons here remaining do [far exceed] any formerly [. . .] we can do any good therein shall provide w^{t} : we can for our Masters ℘usall & the next year probably may do no more.

Sail Cloth procurable.

We can by no meanes ℘ swade either of those Merch^{ts} : usually Imploy'd or the Pettopolee Merch^{ts} : to abate any thing in the prizes of the goods but rather would ℘ swade us to take off the 8th : ℘c^{t} : complaining their goods are 15 ℘c^{t} : dearer then formerly occasioned by so many sev^{ll} : Sorts of People, makeing provision in these parts & in the same sorts of goods we require from them.

We have bin Very free wth: them and have strictly Charged them to acquaint us w^{t}: Summs of money they formerly issued out to ℘ticulars ℘sons faithfully promiseing them those summs shall be now taken off and therefore they might very well abate in y^{e}: Prices of their goods but they absolutely deny them to have given in any Such things to any ℘son or ℘sons whatsoever notwth: standing we threatned them to discharge them from their imploy if they would not Confess and make an abatem^{t}: in their goods w^{ch}: we have endeavoured to make them Comply wth: thô we presume that any of y^{r}: Councell will not be able to discerne any such matters you write about yett if you think it will be Considerable to advance the Comp^{as}: Interest by sending of them we shall readily assist o^{r}: parts, finding that our p^{r} sent Merch^{ts}: are so indifferent to y^{e}: Service that they would think themselves oblig'd to be realeased from their Contract formerly made.

We herewth: send our Consultation Diary and acc^{t}: Cash for the moth: of Augst: and should also have sent you M^{r}: Harris's acc^{t}: of expences but that he has bin a long time sick & for recovery of his Health gone to Madapollam So y^{t}: we cannot gett the acc^{t}: drawn up and Signed by Him [. . .] the acc^{t}: of expences during M^{r}: Harris's absence we cannot conceive the occasion of his Sickness to be any thing but the dampness of the lower roomes, w^{ch}: during this time of year do exceedingly give and have we fear bin the occasion of the death of many of the Honble: Servt:

The Consultations Diary & Acct: [Cash Sent]

M^{r}: Godard carrys on M^{r}: Harris's Ex[pence]es.

We have no more to add but respectfully Remaine R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:

Your very hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

J^{no}: FFEILD.
VINCENT SAYON.
ROB^{T}: FREEMAN.

Postscript y^{e}: 23^{d}: 7^{br}: 1681.

The Govern^{r}: of this town has lately bin wth: us and haveing that orders to M^{r}: Wales to act as appointed by y^{e}: former Agent & Councell in presenting the Govern^{r}: as Customary, we have given him &c^{a}: officers and those about him in goods & money to y^{e}: amo^{t}: of 988: ½ Pag^{o}: whereof 300 to himself in ready money, but wth: all have saved y^{t}: 250 Pag formerly promised him by M^{r}: Win &c^{a}; Councell about Capt: Alley upon the giveing this p^{r}sent, the Govern^{r}: seemed very well Satisfied and promised to be very Civill and assisting to the Honble: Comp^{as}: affaires w^{ch}: we hope he will ℘forme but have great reason to fear by his actions since he'l do the Contrary.

J.F.
V.S.
R.F.

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD, ESQ^{R}: AGENT & GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

METCHLEPA GEN: SEPT^{R}: 30 REC: OCT: 9 } 1681.

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Sir &c^{a}:

The 25th: Curr^{t}: we [rec^{d}] yours of the 15th, wth: Coppy of y^{rs} of the 5th: ditto to w^{ch}: [last we] have allready replyed and Come now to answer your [. . .] of y^{e}: 15th:

We shall none of us be wanting in forwarding our Employers affaires under our managem^{t}: so far as we are able and more we [hope . . .] expected. where the writeing work now more then hath bin in some of our Momoryes nor the Investm^{t}: greater we must Confess here will be hands enough, but being otherwise now is the reason we writ for help espicially since this is so Sickly Place, that it is Very rare to have all of us well att a time nor hath it bin Since our meeting here Since the Shipping hath bin gone to Bengall, and Jno: ffeild return'd from Madapollam we have taken into Consideration the regulateing the Charges of this ffactory and have ordered, the buying in of sev^{ll}: stores w^{ch}: are to be given out by certaine allowances or wth: w^{t}: frugality possible w^{ch}: we

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esteem a Cheaper way then hath been practised here by buying all by the Cash and allwayes shall be used to lessen the expences, but if nothing will do but a Certaine limitt, we request it may be by your order and not our directions, & that it may be ℘ ticularly expressed what each of our allowances shall be in all matters.

Mr: Harris his feavour occasion'd by lying in ye: low roomes att Metohlepatam. The buil[ding of] a Chowltrey wth: a Room [att] each end sufficient for sick to retire [to . .] building [Godowns under] ye: Chambers.

Timothy Harris is a present example of the Mischeifs accrews by the lower Roomes who Soon after his arrivall here gott a Feavour, upon wch: he was forced to goe to Madapollam, and there haveing his Health, return'd few dayes Since, and the first lying in the ffactory his feavour again seized Him and still Continue we presume to tell you that a room or two att the guarden, or a Chowltrey, wth: a room att each end of itt be sufficient for the sick to retire to, if that were all, but we esteem a greater expence to be more benificiall to ye: Company by haveing Godowns under the Chambers for their goods to be secured from fire or water as ye: dutch have and then we could be by this time att work att Embaleing whereas now it is esteemed [dangerous to] bring the Cloth into ye: town till Novembr: is over for fear of another Inundation we shall be Carefull not to abuse the Liberty you were pleased to grant us in occasioning thereby our Masters affaires to Suffer.

We herewth: send you the box of Mr: Ayloffs papers as we found them not esteemeing itt Secure for us to burn any of them or detaine any part of them when ye: rest are sent away.

We have allready accquainted you wt: we have done as to this years Investmt: and now we are promis'd about 5000 ps: of Saile cloth on or near the first muster wch: we hope will prove to the Honble: Compa: likeing more we Cannot do this year but hope the next to Succeed bettr: by the timely Contracting for wt: (severall years experience shewes) the Compa: allwayes.

The accompt: papers not yett recd;

We have not recd the accomptant paper this year therefore are Ignorant wherein he accepts against stateing Mr: Fleetwoods accts:

The Corall shall be sent by the ffleece or Bengall

The 2 Chests of Corall according to your order shall be sent you on ye, ffleece or Bengall Mercht:

We have not heard any thing of the moore that lays Claime to ye: ffactory since we then advised you and beleive he is returned to Golcandah wn: he next appeares shall endeavour to make a full end wth: Him.

We have but little Scarlett left nor [no sword] blades fitt for this Countrey People and we advised Mr: Davis is allready gone to the great Governr: but if he shall hereafter write for any Scarlett we shall send him wt: we can Spare.

The Compas: buisiness not neglected at Metchlepatam.

What those att Madapollam have done we know not but are well Satisfied as to ourselves that no endeavours hath bin wanting to procure wt: goods the Comp[a]: require.

We are not I [. . .] of giving Passes hath bin taken lately from this ffactory and given to the ffort wch: was not formerly, as also the Place of Secretary, but you haveing restored ye: Lettr:, it would be a great encouragemt: to him now in the imploy and wt: allwayes allowed while one here to have ye: beniffitt other Secretarys had formerly wch: we esteem will much encourage him who hath so little assistance to do all writeing work.

We are in great want of lettr: paper the last yeares stores being out, and that sent us this year being not fitt for any writeing use whatsoever so yt: we Cannot but say the Compa: are extreamly wronged by him that buyes itt or Him that putt itt up.

We have sold 25 half ps: of broad cloth at 25 pag: each and Shall dispose of the rest of the Europe as appertunity shall offer wch: being wt: at ℘sent worthy your notice, we Respectfully Remane

Rt: Worspll: Sir &ca:
Your Very humble: Servt:
Jno: Ffeild.
Vincr: Sayon.
Robt: Freeman.
Timo: Harris.

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^A: FROM BRAMENY PODELA LINGAPAH FROM CONJEVARRUM TO Y^E: R^T: WORSP. W^M: GYFFORD: ESQ: GOVERN^R:

DATED Y^E: 10TH 8^BR } 1681.
REC^D DITTO 13

I enjoy good Health wishing to hear the like from y^e: Worsp^l: you write a lre: to Brameny Achana in w^ch: you expressed much on my behalf, no doubt for matter of keeping [. . .] Loyalty [. . .] fidelity towards the Divan there is none like your Worsp^l: and therefore I shall dayly supplicate the Allmighty for a perpetuall Continuance thereof w^th: the blessing of a long life as pro[s]perous and a plentifull fortune to maintain many people according to your Worsp^s: good Inclination, I have writt up to y^e: Court Since your Worsp^l: arrivall to send you Tasheriffs and y^r: Worsp^ll: have writt accordingly a very Courteous lett^r: to Brameny Accana w^ch: Lett^r: Hocknozerbeak haveing delivered Him he did much rejoice thereatt upon w^ch: he ordered a Lett^r: to be sent to your Worsp^l: w^th: 5 Tasheriffs w^ch: I have herew^th: sent to y^e: Worsp^l: by Kisnamah Didwan Keladaur therefore may it please you to Receive them as your Worsp: shall think ffitt that so they may rejoice thereatt w^t: they are it I am y^r: ffreind so I desire you to keep your Love towards me & to Commands me of your Service.

Concerning Podela Lingapah wishing ye Governrs, Health & mutuall [corr . . .] to be held wth: ye: [. . .]

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^E: FROM BRAMENY ACCANA FROM GOLCANDAH TO Y^E: R^T: WORSP^LL: W^M: GYFFORD, ESQ GOVERN^R:

DATED 8^BR. Y^E: 2^D: } 1681.
REC: D^o: 3

I enjoy good Health and hope to hear the like from y^r Worsp^e: y^e: lre: yor: Worsp^l: sent me I have read & observed its Contents Brameny Lingapah hath wrote me word of your [. . .] w^th: him in matters of the divans affaires therefore [. . .] y^r: Worsp: wrote me in y^r: Lett^r: that you and [Lingapah] a good Correspondency and that your buisiness [. . .] likewise writt to Lingapah Concerning you and [. . .] affaires will go on as formerly and much better so [. . .] Remain w^th: a Contented Heart doeing your trade [. . .] and if your Worsp: Should act in y^e: Divans affaires [att . . . Lin]gapahs directions you will thereby reap a greater advantage & as to a Testimony of my Intire love towards you I have now sent to Lingapah 5 Tasheriffs for him to [. . .] them [. . .] and to act in manner of the Divan Interest as y^e: said Brameny Lingapah shall desire.

Concerning Brameny Lingapah writeing to Brameny Aocana about y^e; Governr; Complyance in matter of the Divans affairs.

SURRA^T SEP^TBR: 5 } 1681.
REC^D: OCT^BR: 15

R^t: Worsp^ll: &c^a:

The 20th: of Aug^st: arrived our hands y^rs: of the 9th: of July by our Very long absent expresses who not only make Complaint thereof but likewise for theire not being allowed three Rosa for sev^ll: dayes to y^e: amo^t: of Rup^s 4½ w^ch: (to quiet them for) have been forced to pay them here, but, if itt should be a half Imposition upon us Pray advise thereof in your next that we may recover it back again from them.

You are Pleased to acknowledge the receipt of our last of the 16th: May by the return of y^r: Madrass Pattomars, but have taken no notice of our former of y^e: 26th: of March by our Surrat Cossetts yet we cannot doubt but were safe received & only Omitted through the great weight of affaires you were under upon Agent Gyfford's new Arrivall who we doe Congratulate to his imploym^t: and wish him all pro[s]perous Success therein.

The 27th: past we rec^d: Lett^rs: from Bombay adviseing a ffrench ships arrivall there y^e: 19th: named the President of about 350 Tunns, who left our

three Surratt Ships y^{e} : 25th : July safe att Joanna, who, sailed out of the Downs the 23^{d} : of March since w^{ch} : it hath pleased God to bring into Bombay the Success & Massinbird the 22nd : of Augst : from whence by Land rec^{d} : the enclosed from y^{e} : Honble : Compa^{s} : for the Agency w^{ch} : we wish safe to you as likewise the Divers ℘ticular Lett^{rs} : and Packetts accompaning these to Sev^{ll} : Persons under y^{e} : Governm^{t} : w^{ch} : we entreat may be safe deliver'd to them and you will much oblige us.

We are not able att present to give you any other acc^{t} : of the state affaires in England then that it hath pleased [. . .] att Westminister in discontent y^{e} : 10 January last and to Call a new one to sett att oxford the 21th : March, whose speech att the opening thereof goes enclosed with 3 Gazetts being all y^{e} : Publick papers as yett Come to our hands, but w^{n} : it shall please to God to bring up our Ships to us if any thing further occurs worthy of your knowledge we shall not faile to advice itt or in any thing else be very [glad . . .] you.

The Honble : Comp^{a} : have not bin pleased as you advised us to Send out any new ℘sons to take Charge of their affaires here as was Certainly expected and therefore [. . .] not as yett Informe you neither either the President [. . .] Chamberlain will return for England by this Shipping [...] we are in hopes to dispatch by the 10th : of January all our buisiness here being (we bless God) in a great forwardness, w^{ch} : [we] have thought ffitt to advise you, that you may so designe (if possible) some of yours (if not all) to be likewise dispatch't So early as to meet them att S^{t} : Hellena, w^{ch} : will [*sic*] a great Security (these uncertain times) to the Honble : Comp^{as} : estate upon them we call not to mind any thing else needfull att present and therefore Intreat leave to remaine.

The Compas: buisiness att Surratt in great forwardness.

Yo^{r} : truely Affect [ionate ffriends],

THO : RO [LT].
CAESAR [CHAMBERLAIN].
GEORGE [BOURCHER].

P.S. the Inclosed Packett for the ffrench
Pray Cause to be deliver'd wth : Care.

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^{R} : FROM [. . .] LOBENENY GRUAH FROM GOLOANDAH [. . .] WORSP^{L} : W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ GOVER^{R} :

[. . .]

Your Worshp^{ll} : [sir]

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The s^{d} : 3 Persons hither. Soe begging the continuance of your love towards me acquainting me wth : the news of yor : good health and to lay your Commands upon mee.

TO Y^{E} : R^{T} : WORSP^{LL} : WILL^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ : AGENT & GOVERN^{R} : & COUNCELL. MADAPO^{LL} 9TH OF 9 1681.

R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

We have rec^{d} : yours of ye 6th : Oct^{br} : the 20 D^{o} : accompanyed wth : the accomptants directions for [the] right stateing M^{r} : ffleetwoods acc^{t} : haveing according to your orders dispatched James Wheeler for Metchlepat : the 27th : ditto wth : them and w^{t} : books relateing to that affair the better to make a concurrance in that acc^{t} : the result whereof they have remitted you but for the paper acc^{t} : you mention to be sent home inclosed in the Accompt^{ts} : lett^{r} : and ordered to be Sent a coppy thereof to Metchl we have not any transcript thereof.

We have according to your order acquainted Mr: Ba[rrow.] wth: your allowance of pagos: 4 ℘ moth: and that you are willing to allow him wt: usuall in the Bay referring to our freinds there for the remainder.

We observe wt you write concerning Mr: Barrows Estate that you would not have it brought into our books but that we must all be accomptable for it. haveing concerned our Selves therein wch: we have noe farther in ordering an acct: to be take [*sic*] of wt: loose Thi[ngs] in the roome where he deceased, the remainder being Still in a Godowne, under his own Chop in wch: concerne we are not willing to meddle wth out your possitive orders not knoweing wt: after claps may arrise thereon by concerning our Selves in that we have nothing to do wth:

You are pleased to advise that ye Sale of our Silver depends on theirs at Metchlepm: and that the price is likely to rise there, so that you would not willingly have us to make money of it till theirs be disposed of wth: out a probability of provideing more goods or our occassions absolutely require it.

We have earnestly prest it to our Merchts: to enlarge their contract, that the Honble: Compa: might not be disappointed in their expected returnes by the want of those goods ordered to be provided at Metchlepatam who have declared they are not in a Capacity of engageing for more then wt: already contracted for by them of wch: we are doubtfull of their complyance in.

Wt: yo: are pleased to advise concerning our forbidding the Merchants provideing the 933ps: ℘ cullaes wn: twas your order that wt: was wanting at one place Should be made up by the other we had no notice of their wants at Metchlepatam till ye: 20 Augst: and they exceeding the quantity required from [wt: was] fitt to forbid the provision [. . . wch: we have . . .] againe order'd them to provide but more of any Sorts they will not engage for.

The 14th: octr: we recd: a Genll: from Mr: Jno: ffeild &ca: in answer to ours of the 8th: do: wherein they advise ye: Agents &cas: dissatisfactions at the price of the Silver at pagos: 5 : $\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ seer, wch price we had agreed wth: our Merchts: wth: your approbation to deliver it to them but finding Mr: Jno: ffeild &ca: desireing to have it at the same rate promiseing to Supply us wth: Pagos: to ye: amount thereof, it was Order'd by Consultation of the 17 Do: yt: they should have it, supposeing they had ye prospect of a bettr: Markett for it & yt: it might not be objected by them, that our Selling it at that Price to ys: Merchants was the reason theirs produced no more.

The 24th: Do: we recd: a lettr: from Mr: Jno: ffeild &ca: adviseing that they had Sent by Mr: Robt: ffreeman pagos: 11,000 on acct: of our Silver, wch: we have received and by Consultation the Same day ordered the 10 Chests of Silver to be delivered him for the Honble: Compas: acct: at pagos: 5$\frac{3}{4}$: ℘ Seer and ys: remainder of ye: money due on that acct: to be paid Mr: Wheeler.

You are pleased to take Notice that our Charges in Genll: in the moth: of Augst: runns very high, we have therefore according to your Orders sent you ys: ℘ticulars of that months expences and entreat you to beleeve that all our charges are managed wth: as great frugallity as possible.

The Sorting placed [*sic*] was finished before our arrivall here by Mr: Jno: ffeild &ca: wch: was built by order of Mr: Master &ca: as you may please to your Genll: of date the 28th: ffeby: 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

We are glad to understand you approve the Settlement of the ffactory, and hope by Gods assistance to finish our buisiness in good time, to the Honble: Compas: and your Satisfactions that wn: it Shall please him . . arrive our Ships in Safety from the Bay they may have a spe[ed]y dispatch hence wch: to effect our endeavours observe in Shall not be wanting.

Samll: Wales is goeing on wth: the Genll: books wch: shall be done wth: all expedition and forward to you the reason they have bin thus long detained, being because there are Sevll: accts: entred not Corresponding wth: ys: Merchts: accts kept by the Bramenyes wch: when made to concurr Shall be dispatched.

Here is noe evidence to be produced against ye: prisoner Jno: Young of his killing his Servant the Portugueze here declareing that he did in his Confession to him acquitt his Master of it owneing himself to be the occasion of that sad

[accident] that had befallen him therefore [he hath prayed] us to advise you that he doth in most humble manner crave that you would be pleased to revoke your orders of Sending him to the ffort and acquitt him here.

According to Calculation we shall have here 1700 bales or thereabouts if our Merchants comply w^th^: their contract, and the Godowns of this factory will not above one thousand bales, So that we shall be forced to house the rest abroad in thatched houses, w^ch^: for y^e^: Generality are extream low and compacted of such combustable Matter w^ch^: renders them very Subject to fire, an accident w^ch^: too often happens and here being no brick godownes to be hired we doe entreat your leave for the building one in the factory of w^ch^: conveniency we are in very great want.

After our often repeated endeavours of the Sale of our broadcloth & Lead to y^e^: Merchants they have given their finall denyall declareing that for y^e^: most part of them they are but men of mean Stocks and that they never dealt in any of those Commodity desireing that we will not impose them on them, so that w^t^: we have done therein hath proved ineffectuall.

We are now bid by Sanco Narso pag 18 [the] half p^s^: of broad Cloth w^ch^: price he will not exceed and to [pay the] money in 4 months after the delivery of the goods to him, on w^ch^: Conditions he is willing to take of the whole quantity, haveing not before been bid any thing for it therefore desire your orders concerning it w^ch^: if you please to accept, we Shall deliver him though we doe esteem it but a small price yet considering this is no Markett for it & no likelywood of advanceing thereon have thought fitt to offer to your Considerations.

There are Sev^ll^: disbursments brought to acc^t^: in y^e^: month of Aug^st^: w^ch^: were before expended, but omitted to be brought to acc^t^: at their proper times, w^ch^: you may please to observe, being noted in the Margent of that acc^t^: & also Some ꝑticulars y^n^: remaineing in Stores the reasons that acc^t^: Swelled so high We now remitt you our Dyaryes & Consultation acc^t^: Cash, Acc^t^: expences for the past month and mo^th^: of Septem^br^: to all w^ch^: we humbly entreat you to be referred w^ch^: is w^t^: we have to offer at present to crave leave to Subscribe our Selves.

Right Worsp^ll^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Your most hum^ble^: Servt:

JN^o^; DAVIS.
SAM^LL^: WALES.
GEORGE RAMSDEN.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO THE R^T^: WORSP^LL^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ: AGENT & GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCELL

METCHL^EP^: NOVEMB^R^: Y^E^ 4TH 1681.

R^t^: Worsp^ll^: S^r^: &c^a^:

We have rec^d^: yours of the 6th; or 10th: whereby we ꝑceive your approbation of our proceeding as to ye Silver by our Consultation of the 13 ultim^o^: you will see w^t^: Course we have taken to preve[nt] y^e^: [spoil]ing the Sale of ours w^ch^: we hope will be well approved off.

We heartily wish we could enlarge the Investm^t^: and fully comply w^th^: w^t^: the Comp^a^: requires, but find it impossible this year, not questioning but they will be Satisfied w^th^: our endeavours imputeing the fault to the Mortality of their late Serv^ts^: and the non-Settlem^t^: of this ffactory.

It was an Agreem^t^: made between them & the late Agent that if Merch^ts^: Should know w^t^. goods they were to provide in March or Aprill and have money delivered them to begin the Investm^t^. if they would pay 6 ꝑ cent advance wch would much forward ye buisiness considering the Honble Comp^a^ require yearly larger Investm^t^. y^n^.

formerly of w^{ch}: our Merch^{ts}: had no Not [ice] Neither of Sorts nor quantityes till after our Arrival here in August w^{ch}: those at Medapoll: had and money delivered them w^{ch}: we presume will be ye only way the next year to have our orders before the Shipping arrives for those Sorts of goods our Masters are pleased constantly to require Such as Sallampores, Allejais Bengall, Beetelaes, and ye Agent and Councell, last year Supplyed Madapoll: ffactory by their Orders from ye ffort to Metchlepatam to beginn this yeers Investm^{t}: but Suppose there will be no Such occasion here Since as far as we can understand from our Merchants they desire not to take up Money upon Interest but only to give y^{m}: an Acc^{t}: w^{t}: goods they are to procure, whereby they are enabled the better to goe through the buisiness by preingageing the weavers, and in a bett^{r}: capacity to provide w^{t}: other goods y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Shall require by their next Shipping.

We shall be very carefull in y^{e}: Sorting of Cloth as it comes in and wish we had as convenient a place here as by the late Agent & Councell, approbation is built at Madapollam.

That their Cloth should be twenty ℘ c^{t}: worse then formerly and yet brought at y^{e}: Same price, and by the same Muster wth: 8th: ℘ c^{t}: abatement, must needs be ill Sortm^{t}: w^{ch}: we shall endeavour to gett the Cloth Sooner in for a more timely Sortment.

Although [. . .] Harris was Sick his Acc^{t}: was carryed on as formerly writt you by John Goddard but were not Sent to you because they could not be passed under his own hand, w^{ch}, if he had continued longer in that condition we must be forced to have done although every one here have had buisiness in their own proper Stations and Since the intertaining of ffrancis Bett have bin imployed in Coppying out the Gen^{ll}: Books for last yeare while Vincent Sayon brought up these for this.

The Present given to y^{e}: Govern^{r}: does very little exceed w^{t} formerly given by M^{r}: Hatton & Councell to Aga Jeloll y^{e}: y^{n}: Govern^{r}: and tis certaine wth: out a present we could never have Carryed on the Comp^{as}: Affaires, but all things consider'd, the present is not So great Since those 250 Pag^{os}: formerly promised by M^{r}: Win and Councell according to y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Directions for the Stopping M^{r}: Alleyes proceedings w^{ch}: the Govern^{r}: then deferred the receeving of it. Still he had orders for the takeing ye Cirkeels p^{r} sent. At w^{ch}: time tis usuall to give him a private present of 300 pag^{os}: this buisiness of M^{r}: Alleys being upon another acc^{t}: had the Govern^{r}: required that likewise we cannot tell how we could have refused it. he is in many things bett^{r}: conditioned then formerly yet sufficient by Cross deferring to give Orders a long time for sev^{ll}: things we have Liberty for the Kings Phyrmaund w^{ch}; how to help we know not except we had a power to wth: stand him here and a factory at Golcandah as y^{e}: Dutch have whereby on all occasions to make their greivances, known at Court both w^{ch}: the Dutch have & Notwth: standing their low condition doe not find any way prejuditiall or disadvantagious, but by both keep these Govern^{rs}: below in Awe and though they have for Some years given very seldome any present and w^{t}: done Very Small, yet their buisiness goes on w^{n}: ours is Stopt and we forced to present according to ye Govern^{rs}: will and pleasure.

In complyance wth: your orders M^{r}: Wheeler Arrived here y^{e}: 28 Ultim^{o}: and y^{e}: 29th; we proceeded upon M^{r}: ffleetwoods Acc^{t}: and herewth: send you an Acc^{t}: of w^{t}: we have done therein and Shall at y^{e}: Conclusion of y^{e}: years books clear his Acc^{t}: by Acc^{t}: Curr^{t}:

We herewth: Send you our last years books w^{ch}: Mortallity and Sickness hath kept wth: us thus long also y^{e}: Consultation Dyary: Acc^{t}: Cash & Stewards Acc^{tt}: for y^{e}: month of Oct^{br}: and y^{e}: Acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: for Septem^{br}:

W^{n}: M^{r}: Horner returnes from Tanasseree where he is now gone we shall make Demands of the money you mention and wish he may be in a Capacity to pay it being very poor w^{n}: he went off this Shoare and forced to borrow money to laid his Sloop and pay his Lascars.

We have as Customary Sent a small p^{r} sent to y^{e}: Cirkeel ordering our people to carry it to our Brameny Egib kept their by him to be delivered.

We have herewth: Sent the box off Mr: Aylloffs papers as we found them in the ffactory at our comeing here which we omitted to send before wch: is all we have at present worthy your Notice So respectfully remaining

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:
Your very humble: Servts:
Jno: ffeild.
Vincent Sayon.
Robt: ffreeman.
Timo: Harris.

Our Acct: Currt: is now as twas Sent you last month to there being no Alteration therein.

P.S. We have recd: a Complaint from our Merchts: that their goods were Stopt at Pullewer and yt: ye: Governr: & Junkanneres there refuse to Release ym: Saying they had orders for wt: they did from Hassan Beague Governr: of Ellore whose Servts: they are, this will prove we fear very prejuditiall, time of year being very late & Hassan Beague gone to Golcandah we have Sent to ye: Junkaneer and Governr: of that place and have ordered lettrs: to be prepared for ye: deputy Governr: Hassan Beague & Madana in Case ye Goods are not released very Speedily for such a case as this Some Strenght woud doe well and ye: Compa: are [. . .].

Translate of a Lettr: from Gopall Dargee Pontulo Soubidar of Porto Novo to ye: Rt: Worspll: Wm: Gyfford Esqr: Agent & Governr: dated ye 29 h: Novemr: 1681

A Lettr: recd:

I enjoy good health wishing to hear ye: like from your Worsps: I have recd: your Worspll: lettr: in a good hour, wherewth: I do rejoice & wheras yr: Wor[s]pl: did send a Coppy of the Cowle you: desired to have granted we doe find therein some things that our Divan will grant, concerning wch: by your Egib Chendra Shechariah (now goeing towards your Worspl:) you may please to Conceive wt: he shall acquaint your Worspl: by word of mouth & to doe so that may redound to my Masters Interest. I did also write to ye: Cheif Subidar concerning your affaires, who is well pleased wth: your Worspl: & if you should do that whereby my Mastr: may reap benefitt it will be a great furtherance to your affares I have done according to your hearts desire you may please to trade and Merchandize in our Sea Port, that it may prove to my Mastrs: advantage, you may likewise please to Send a Lettr: to ye: Cheif Subidar after that you have discourse wth: your Egib and according to wt: he shall informe you may send an understanding ℘ son to him. So I omitt enlargeing any further hereabout.

In pleasing ye: Cheif Soubedar of Porto Novo it will much redound to y: Honble: Compas: affaires.

To ye: Rt: Worspll: Willm: Gyfford Esqr.
Agent & Governr &ca:. Madapoll: 3 Decembr: 1681.

Rt: Worspll: Sr: &ca:

We have recd: yours of ye: 27th: Octbr: ye: 12 Novembr: and have given an Acct: of the Sale of our Silver in our of the [*lacuna in the orgl*] past to wch: and our Consultations of ye: 17 and 24 Octr: we desire you would pleased to be referred as to wt: you advise concerning its price being higher here yn: at Metchlepatam, we doe assure you to be amiss informatiõ. We observe wt: you advice concerning the disposeing of our Europe goods yt: your Merchts: would faine have Shifted them of wch: not wth: standing you have putt of to ym: and how acceptable a peece of Service, it would be for us to doe the like here, wch: to effect we have used all endeavrs: through ye: Success hath proved ineffectuall, we are Sensible of the advantage you have there in vending your Europe Commodityes, it haveing been allwayes Customary for the Merchts: to take them off and therefore not to be objected against them as a new thing wch: from ours it cannot be expected, they never haveing dealt therein and wt: formerly Sent hither being so inconsiderable that for ye: most part was expended in presents not being Ven [dable] here and for wt: consigned to us ye: whole quantity still

remaines unsold never haveing been bid any thing for it though we have often prest them thereto being willing to allow them a considerable time for ye: payment of the money. Supposeing that might have encouraged them to come to some thing of an Agreemt, but nothing we can doe or say will bring them to any termes thereon, we have advised wt: proffers wch: we esteem so inconsiderable not worth acceptance, though thought fitt to advise you thereof, yt: you might ye: bettr: Judge ye: esteem of it here.

You have often been pleased to Shew dissatisfactiõ as matter of our charges and all that hath been Say'd therein hath not [*lacuna in the origl*] anything, we have only this to offer to your Considerations, that for ye: generality of provisions here, they are double ye: rates as there and desire you would be pleased to take a view of the expences of this ffactory in Mr: Hattons & Mr: ffeild's time considering how many more there is of the Compas: Servants now than then and ye: Charges now will appear to be much less in proportion then formerly, but wt: you Shall please to order herein we Shall be ready to Submitt too.

We have done wt: lyes in our power to ꝑswade Merchants to an abatement on ye: goods to wch: they will add here & not [wth standing] all ye: ꝑswasions we could use could not prevaile wth: them to supply ye wants of our ffreinds at Metchlepatam though we were willing to allow them the former price wt: you Intimate concerning Sr: Edwd: Winter's makeing an Abatemt: on the goods that were contracted for by Mr: Blake before his Arrivall we doe Suppose to be done by imposition and for us to Act in that Nature would certainly proove the overthrow of the Investmt: the Merchts: haveing Sufficiently demonstrated their unwillingness to engage for so great a quantity of goods and 'tis to be feared that in ye: conclusion they will not be able to Comply wth: their contract, though we used all Care and dilligence to forward them, haveing layd before them, how far ye: season of the year is Spent how much of the buisiness remaines undone and how great a prejudice it would be to ye: Honble: Compa: if they comply not wth: their engagemts.

As to Wt: you advice that you hope Jno Davis may improove [*sic*] his goeing to Ellore in the Carpett Investmt: we never had ye: least order concerning it and have acted nothing therein.

We shall observe your orders in ye: Speedy sorting & packing our Cloth as fast as can be got in readiness and to send you exact Coppies of our Invoices for England [. . . shall] be laden by us wth: [Coppies] of Dyaryes & Consultations for England and also to give ye: Ships a speedy dispatch for Metchlepatam as possible.

Our care Shall not be wanting to be dilligent in preventing wt: Shall come to our knowledge that there be no transgression comitted in ye: Diamond buisiness.

James Wheelers Accts: of expences for the moth: of Septembr: & Octbr were forwarded to you by the last conveyance wch: we hope have obtained your Reception We now remitt you our Diary & Consultatiõ Acct. Cash & Acct. of Expences for ye: month of Novemr: to all wch: we entreat you to be referred not haveing further to add at prsent We crave leave & Subscribe

Rt. Worspll: &ca:

Your most humble: Servants.

Jno: Davis.
Samll; Wales.
George Ramsden.

The 3d:

Last night arrived Capt: James Cook from Bengall who Sayled thence ye 24 past from wm: we have ys day recd: ye packett directed to you, wch we herewth: dispatch. The rest of ye Ships are likely to receive a Speedy dispatch thence. We have now in readiness 1156 bales and Shall speedily dispatch ye: Ship for Metchlepatam.

(Id.) J.D.

To Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORSP$^{\widetilde{LL}}$: WILL^{M}: GYFFORD, ESQ.
AGENT & GOVERN^{R}: of Fort S^{T}: GEORGE.
&c^{a}. COUNCELL.

HUGHLY 10TH: NOVEM^{R}: 1681.

No relation of any new occurrences from ye: Bay.

Our last to you was dated y^{e}: 31th: of August w^{ch} : we hope came in due time to your hands we Shall not now fall upon any new matt^{r}: in giveing yo^{u} a relation of Occurrences Since that time, referring to our later advices this year hence w^{n}: you Shall have ye Summe of w^{t}. necessary to be communicated to you in the Comp^{as}: affaires of these parts.

The Ship Golden ffleece dispeeded from ye: Bay to Madapollam wth: 5000 bags of Saltpeter.

We have now according to y^{e}: Honble : Comp^{as} and yor : orders [*lacuna in the original*] dispeeded the Shipp Golden ffleece to Madapollam wth : a Cargo of 5,000 baggs of Saltpetre am^{s} as ℔ Invoice to Rup^{s} : and have written to y^{e} : Cheife and Councell there that if they Shall think good they dispeed away all our Gen$^{\tilde{ll}}$: papers unto you by land the bill of Ladeing wth y^{e} Invoice comes inclosed and both accompaned by one paire of our books of acc^{ts}: Lett^{r}: &: all w^{ch} : we hope will come Safe to your hands.

Why ye ship Golden ffleece was laded wth: Saltpeter only.

We laded only Saltpeter on y^{e} : Golden ffleece because we are to send y^{e} : Ship Ann to right home and therefore have kept both Ships proportion of peece goods for y^{o} Later & as y^{o} See putt the larger quantity of Saltpeter on y^{e} former we wish her Safe up unto y^{o}: & Subscribe

R^{t}: W^{ll}: S^{r} : &c :
Your humb^{le} : Serv^{ts}:
MATT: VINCENT.
EDW^{D}: LITTLETON.

FFRANCIS [EDWARD].
[...]

R^{t}: Worsp$^{\tilde{ll}}$: S^{r}: &c^{a} :

MADAPO$^{\widetilde{LL}}$:
Y^{E}: 5TH: DECEM^{R}: 1681.

Haveing an oppertunity by the returne of our Cooleys I thought fitt to advise you of our Arrivall here the last night, where we were kindly rec^{d} : but I was much Surprized to find Capt : Coock So early arrived from y^{e}: Bay and y^{e} : rather because you were pleased to enjoine my returne by the first Ship which now I fear will be some disappointment to me and may frustrate your expectations, however I Shall Omitt no oppertunity dureing my Stay in these parts to discharge that trust you have committed to me, wth : out any Respect to persons or futurityes And therefore if I should not be able to comply wth : your Order both here and at Metchlepãt So fully as you may expect, before the dispatch of this Ship I hope the Shortness of the time will plead my excuse wherein you will highly favour

Right Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a} :
Your most hum^{ble}: Servt:
JOHN BIGRIG.

Right Worsp^{ll}:

The 5 of Septem^{br} : was date of our last to you (by a pair of Surrat expresses,) accompanyed wth : a packett to your Agency from the Honble : Company by the Success, Coppies whereof goes inclosed Since w^{ch} : Viz^{t}: ye 10 Instant came to our hands yours of y^{e} : 29th : of Augst : wth : a Packett for the Honble : Comp^{a} : w^{ch} : was forwarded two dayes Since (upon their Ship Revenge) Via Persia whose returne is appointed Soe Seasonably as to be againe wth : us before y^{e} : 10th : of January, the time designed by the blessing of God, for y^{e} : dispatch of our Europe Ships the Josiah (likewise) arriveing at Bombay the 27th Augst from whence all 3 came Safe to an Anchor in Swally hole ye 20th : of Septemb^{r} : and y^{e} : 3^{d} : of Oct^{br} y^{e} : Success and Josiah were dispatched down the Coast of India but y^{e} : Massinbird remaines wth : us occasions So requireing.

There hath nothing more occurred worthy your knowledge Since our last, excepts y^{e}: President resolutions wth: y^{e}: blessing of God of returning for England by this years Shipping, accompanyed wth: Cœsar Chamberlaine the Honble Company haveing been pleased to favour them wth: y^{e}: Liberty of their Choice, and in case of both their returnes appointed M^{r}: John Child now Deputy Govern^{r}: of their Island of Bombay to their Cheif managem^{t}: of their affaires here under ye title of Agent, So that ye President &c^{a}: now embraces this oppertunity respectfully to take their leaves of you, wishing you health and Prosperous Success in all your many and weighty Affaires and in God's due time returne you Safe to your Native Countrey.

We are in good expectation at the returne of ye Revenge from Persia to receive some fresh advices from ye Honble: Comp^{a}: and we hope ye Safe arrival of our last years Shipping w^{n}: if any thing further Shall occurr meritting your information we shall not Speedily & punctually to communicate it to you.

M^{r}: Kempe hath lately made his applications to us for his returne for England by this years Shipping w^{ch}: we have granted him an estate being fallen to him by ye decease of some of his freinds otherwise Should readily have have complyed wth: your desires in his Liberty of repayreing to Madrass; w^{ch}: being y^{e}: needfull at p^{r}sent committ y^{e}: to ye Divine Protection of God Allmighty & Remain

Your truly Affec^{t}: ffreinds.
THOM^{S}: ROLT.
CŒSAR CHAMBERLAIN.
GEORGE BOURCHER

Suratt 31 of Octb^{r}: 81.
You will find inclosed Coppy of that lett^{r}: from y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: remitted to you by our Expresses.

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^{R}: FROM O^{R}: BRAMENY VERA RAGAVAYA FROM GOLCONDAH TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: WILL^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ. GOVERN^{R}: DATED Y^{E}: 19TH: 9^{BR}: 81.

After that I had taken my leave of your Worsp^{s}: I arrived here y^{e}: 7th of 9^{br}: & w^{n}: I had talked wth: Sevll: great ℘sons here and the 13 d^{o}: I went to Visit Brameny Madana & Achana haveing carried along wth: me Brameny Viligandala Vencana haveing delivered y^{m}: your Worsp^{l}: Lett^{r}: & acquainted y^{m}: what I thought fitt whereas they did much rejoice and gave mee Beetlenut, haveing likewise told me to remaine wth: a contented heart, and that they would be ready to favour us in our Affaires as they ever did.

As concerning coyning rup^{s}: I did intend to discourse wth: Brameny Achana therewth: but Seeing here was a report that he was Journeying to a Godly place called Shrisilam therefore I could not talk wth: him concerning the same, & now there is a report that a great Army of horsmen of the Mogulls is comeing down and y^{t}: ye Mogull himself is wth: it (people report this for certaine) for w^{ch}: reason Brameny Achana did forbear his Journey I shall after this discours him concerning the Rup^{s}: buisiness and Shall y^{n}: acquaint your Worsp thereof.

Your Worsp^{l}: was pleased to order Vollabeneny Grua to deliver me w^{t}: Should be remaining in his Custody of the [. . .] carryed wth: him to be presented to Some great ℘sons here, w^{n}: he had read his Lett^{r}: he told me y^{t} he had Still by him Some glass plates, and Six looking glasses w^{ch}: he said he would deliver me and y^{l}: all the other things he had disposed of whereof he said he would give your Worsp^{l}: an Acc^{t}: these people here haveing notice y^{t}: y^{e}: Mogull came over Narmada River, they do designe to send Meirza Sangeer and Some horse to meet him by the way haveing allready Sent Some Captains of horse to y^{e}: fronteirs and do likewise intend to Send Some part of y^{e}: Annuall tribute to y^{e}: Mogull 15 Elephants and Some maunds of gold & Silver here is a great report that a great many horse are comeing down hither and therefore this Citty is in a great fear, I shall hereafter Informe your Worsp^{s}: of w^{t}: Shall pass here and in y^{e}: Interim your Worsp may please to lay your Commands upon me.

Our people from Metchlepa: did Send hither to y^{e}: Shar Lasker some presents and Some Cowries, of Rose water, all w^{ch}: I have delivered him and shall gett him to write an Answer to y^{r}: lett^{r}: I being dispatching this lett^{r}: to your Worsp^{s}: here arrived lett^{rs}: from Metchlep Informing that y^{e}: Tarrofdor

Husenbeague did stop their Cloth and other goods comeing from Mangalaguiry those parts to them demanding Custome, for the same Seeing y^{e}: s^{d}: Husenbeage is come hither they desire me to procure a Rocca from him for the delivery of the same I Shall discourse wth: him [about it & y^{n}:] shall acquaint your Worsp: w^{t}: Shall pass.

W^{n}: discours't Some great ꝑsons here concerning coining Rup^{s}, they answered me y^{t}: as yet ye English never had liberty to Coin Rup^{s}: whereby y^{e}: Divans does gaine great benefitt & and if y^{e}: Divan should ꝑmitt to coyne Rup^{s}: at Chinapatnam no Silver in y^{e}: Countrey would be brought hither to be coyned & by y^{t}: means y^{e}: Divans revenue would be lessened, wherefore Brameny Madana will not give his consent thereto & y^{t}: if the English would pay the Divan Some thing yearly to coine Rup^{s}: whereby he may regaine Some p^{t}: of his Loss y^{t}: he shall Sustaine thereby y^{n}: these great ꝑsons will venture to Speak to him about it, to w^{ch}: I answered y^{m}: that y^{r}: Worsp^{s}: will not consent to pay any thing yearly but y^{t}: if they would endeavour their utmost to prevaile wth: y^{e}: Divan to grant it: that your Worsp^{l}: would make him Some presents and that if Should doe w^{t}: we desire we Shall y^{n}: present both Brameny Madana and them wth: some thing upon w^{ch}: they replyed that if they would give 2000 pag^{s}: to y^{e}: Divan & to Madana & Achana 500 pag^{s}: a peece at least and some thing to them y^{t}: they will try w^{t}: they can doe in the buisiness to w^{ch}: I answered w^{t}: Shall we get by it y^{t}: we desire it that we must give soe much for it and y^{t}: it is not for the proffitt that we Shall gett by it y^{t}: we desire it but for honours Sake to w^{ch}: after many words they told me that if they would give 1000 Pag: to y^{e}: Divan & 350 pag: a peece to Madana & Achana & some 3: or 4 pag more for petty expences w^{ch}: makes together 2100 pag [y^{t}: . . .] they could doe in y^{e}: buisiness and [that] if we would at least promise to give the said Summe of [money they] would talk about it w^{ch}: otherwise they say they could not speak about it, neither would it come to any effect and I haveing talked wth: other ꝑsons, concerning this buisiness, they doe expect from us a great deale more, I have endeavour'd my uttmost about y^{e}: buisiness and cannot find we can have our buisiness done for less money then y^{e}: abovemention'd, and therefore may it please your Worsp^{s}: to consider of it and to order me w^{t}: to do in it, & I Shall follow your Orders if your Worsp Should be willing to order me to make an end of this buisiness for y^{e}: abovesaid Summe of 2100 pag^{o}: of the buisiness Should come to effect y^{n}: these people here will much press me for money after a grant and if your Worsp^{s}: should remitt y^{t}: sum of money, I shall y^{n}: endeavour my uttmost if possible to lessen Some thing of y^{e}: 3 or 400 pag^{s}: w^{ch}: we proposed for petty expences for I Shall receive y^{e}: Phyrmaund and Roccas before I pay y^{e}: money either to y^{e}: Divan Bramenys Madana and Achana or any petty expences if the buisiness does not Come to effect, Ill returne your Worsp^{s}: ye s^{d}: money back if yor Worsp: doe think convenient to make an end of this buisiness as abovesaid and Should order me to doe it, you may please to Send me y^{r} order & money together, yor: Worsp may be pleased to write me yor: pleasure here abouts that I may know how to behave my Self herein by reason I could not gett a person to send this Lett^{r}: by to yor Worsp: therefore I was so long before I could send it and at last hired a Cooley to send it yor: Worsp^{l}: by.

To Y^{E}: R^{T}. WORSP^{LL}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQR.
AGENT &C^{A}: COUNCELL.

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

I have thus long deferred writeing to give your Worsp^{l}: a prospect of our affaires that from thence you might take Some measures of the Success but first to Satisfie your expectations, in a short Acc^{t}: of our Journey w^{ch}: we have prosecuted wth: all possible expedition and made Such Necessary observations therein, as so hasty a proceeding could admitt of w^{ch}: for the ꝑticulars pleased to be referred to my Diary, w^{ch}: though less then I desired yet are so tedious for this oppertunity after parteing wth: your Worsp^{l}: I mett little of Importance till our Arrivall the 16 at Codoleur where we were Courteous^{ly}: treated by the Aveldar & Merchants who that might [*sic*] brought the musters of their Severall Sorts of

cloth, w^{ch}: next day I examined and treated about their Prices and after a long debate till about 7: o clock at Night, I could bring them to noe lower termes then the enclosed list, after which enquireing what quantityes of those goods they had ready, they told me very little, but that in 30 dayes time, they would provide to y^{e}: amount of 10,000 or [. . .] for the following year for [50 or] 60,000 Pag: w^{ch}: I declined for the [. . .].

ffirst because we and our Customes were yet [. . .] on w^{ch}: occasion the Subidar might have taken advantage by forceing us to pay the Customes of the place w^{ch}: is here at least 3 ℔cent and 7 at Porto Novo and so made that a Presidenc, for our future trade w^{ch}: would have been a great charge and difficulty ever to have reduced.

Next I considered the goods provided, (now at their time) would come too late for this years Shipps, and So of little Advantage to the Honble: Comp: and would be the Same thing two or three months hence, for next ships.

Lastly I judged them too dear, according to this Countrey rates tho: as they are above 10 ℔c^{t}: cheaper y^{n}: y^{e}: goods of our parts, considering, [their] breaths [*sic*] and Substance. I likewise found some of the leading Merch^{ts}: where [*sic*] so nearly related to ours of Madrass, to be easily brought to bett^{r}: tearms, besides their Native principles of imposeing upon Strangers, w^{ch}: I think will be bett^{r}: reduc't by a sedate deliberate contract w^{ch}: is more agreable to their tempers, then a suddaine Itenerary bargain, w^{ch}: mine [*sic*] must necessary, be in a Journey So long wth: such diversity of buisiness and Variety of Places, under Such ill Circumstances and Limitt of time and Season if the Honble Comp^{a} must have an Acc^{t}: of my proceeding this year, these conclusions made me desist from any farther treaty wth: them onely to find fault wth: the high prices of their goods, on w^{ch}: I dismist them to bett^{r}: considerations, takeing wth: me some of their Musters, at the aforementioned rates (wch I now Send for your ℔usall) wch I told them should be noe rule for a future Contract, they parted not well pleas'd yet next morning they returned againe, but wth: the same tearmes and effect, our Brameny here rec^{d}: a Lett^{r}: from Gopall Pundit at Celamberam about 9 miles off desireing us to stay there, and him to come thither, w^{ch}: I consented too, ordering to tell him wth: what troubles and Charge we were come to pay him your Respects and thankes for his kindness in our buisiness wth: my desire to hasten its Settlem^{t}: on as good terms and as soon as possible, w^{ch}: when well affected we Should not be unmindfull of him I also cautioned the Brameny from Indulgeing his avaritious hopes in those extravagant demands he made to him and most Certainely either through his fear, folly or fraud, he has very illy managed our buisiness, by giveing them hopes of great Pischases and Shares in our trade, wch Since it cannot be allowed off, will strangely disappoint them and I doubt our buisiness too, wth: my [. . .] this I hear [has] been his Practice and am too [. . .] to beleeve it, Since I observed his [lett^{r}: . . .] to part wth: money, then procure priviledges [. . . .] indeed he understands So very little of our Interest and trade that he cannot plead well the advantages of our Settlem^{t}: and priviledges we have in other p^{ts}: besides in my opinion the buisiness was first begun at the wrong end, and Since we must come up to ye head (the nearest way is best) whose Authority Commands all downwards, but Since the buisiness has run so long this way tis now absolutely Necessary to continue it, otherwise they will Swell to our prejudice; and tis certaine they are more capable of obstructing our buisiness, then furthering it. Just now (after 2 days absence) our Brameny came from Gopall Pundit wth: a tedious frivilous Story of kindness and Wellcome but makes an ill Conclusion, that he cannot treat wth me nor act in our buisiness, till I give him a promise of 5000 Pag^{os}: he haveing long Since the greatest part of it to Harje Raja and his wife &c^{a}: & this he speaks to be his Positive and finall resolutiō and that he swore by his head the Dutch paid him 16000 Pag^{os}: & that if I lik't not his propositions, I am at Liberty to goe (the truth is it putts me to a Strange Dilemma). If I proceed to the great Subidar wth: out his Company recom [. . .] Assistance, he will certainly impead our buisiness and discredit or Affront us, and to Comply I will not, w^{ch}: Such unreasonable high demands, however to amuse him & try his resolutions I ordered the Drum to beat, and our people to be in readiness to morrow morning to goe towards

Harjee Raga, tho I Intended to Stay a day or two, to See if he will accomodate the buisiness to reason ; but if not I am resolved to Harje Raja and there plead the Advantages we Shall bring to the Divan and possess him wth the best opinion of us I can, for I am loath to returne (wth : ye Labour in vain to my Motto, considering the people I have to deale wth :, have little faith or honesty, and their Imployments are so uncertaine ; they study noe Interest but their own (the Dutch are very Mischiowous in this buisiness and obstruct our Settlem^{t} : wth : all the prejudice they can. But whatever the Success Shall be Your Worsp^{l} : may be assured of my most faithfull endeav^{rs} and that I act your Instructions to the best of my Judgm^{t} for the advantage and honour of my Honble : Masters & your Cred^{t} and that I am in all things as frugall as y^{e} : good of their Affair will ℘ mit, w^{ch} : I beleeve is ye utmost they or you Desire.

I must entreating y^{r} : recommending me to the Honble : Company and to give them my most hum^{ble} : acknowledgements for their Pirticular [*sic*] favour to me [. . .] by serving them wth : y^{e} : most diligent fidellity [I am] Capable off.

M^{r} : Gyfford and M^{r} : Dutton &c^{a} : are all well & depart themselves, wth : great Prudence and Cred^{t} : which please to doe them right to the Honble : Company.

I wish you had given me Commission to treat wth : Eccogee Naigue of Jangoa about a settlem^{t} : at Trimolavas, ab^{t} : 12 miles from hence reported to be a Civill people a good town and River and affoard a great Store of Coarse Cloth I am in great want of ye Mouratt Brameny who was unfortunately left behind.

This wth ; my prayers for Prosperity on your Person and Concernes I humbly remaine

R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Your most ffaithfull &
Obedient Servt
E. Y.

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[TO Y^{E} R^{T} : WORSP^{LL} :] W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :

AGENT & GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Notwth : standing our past great discouragments I thank God I have effected our buisiness well beyond expectations wth ; this wellcome and Strange remark (considering the circumstances, and people I treated wth : I have preserved the Honble : Comp^{as} : honour and their money too w^{ch} : you will easily beleive was a difficulty that sufficiently rackt my Witts and patience and I am Sure is an event far beyond your hopes or prospect, considering how deeply we were engaged before my undertakeing it and long after by Gopall Pundits importunate demands, I advised you, who by arguments, promise[s] and ℘ swasions, I have reduced to reason, & I think to freindship haveing here been Active for us ; We have had many hotts disputes, about the Severall Articles of our Cowle, Some of w^{ch} : are denyed & others more materiall granted as a settlement & trade at Porto Novo, Cudolor & Connimeed, wch before was onely limitted to Codolour, then the Maine [. . .] Customes are much lower to our Merch^{ts} : Viz^{t} : at [Connimeed . . . Codo] lour 1¾ ℘ c^{t} : and at Porto Novo 2½ ℘ c^{t} : [. . .] together is one & ½ ℘ c^{t} : free from other petty troubles : some Customes, to Talliars, Connicoplas and Pagodes : we were very Courteously treated by Harjee Raja, and had fared much bett^{r} : but for his wicked Brameny Councell thus much I have thought Necessary to acquaint y^{r} : Worsp : of our Success w^{ch} : makes me bold to mind you of your promist honour of meeting us at the Honble : Comp^{as} : new Gaurden, where we hope to kiss your hand by 5 a Clock on thursday evening.

R^{t} : Worsp^{ll} S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Your most faithfull &
Obedient Servant.
E : YALE.

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